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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Big Opportunity

THE fruits of Mr. Nehru's long and intimate talks with President Eisenhower in Gettysburg and in Washington are not likely to become visible for some little time. The nature of the Indian Premier's visit to America precluded any agreements involving commitments. Nevertheless, the single-mindedness attained by the two statesmen on vital principles governing international relations is vastly encouraging. Whatever Mr. Nehru's critics and detractors may say about him, none will deny that his views are based on lofty ideals. Which makes his role as mediator between strongly conflicting ideologies all the more difficult. The international tolerance and understanding which he preaches is not so easy to practise when one is confronted by the recent and current events in Hungary. Those happenings appear to have had quite an effect on Mr. Nehru inasmuch that he has associated himself with President Eisenhower's dictum that the peoples of all nations must not be degraded by their rulers or made to lose their human dignity and freedom. It is this principle which the Russians and their puppet government have denied the Hungarians.

The immediate value of the Nehru-Eisenhower conversations is that it has enabled both men to appreciate each other's sincerity in the search for better relations between the nations of the world. And it is conceivable this may produce some practical results vis-a-vis the United States and China. Mr. Nehru now has it at first hand and from top level that the road can be opened to the establishment of amicable relations between America and China if the Peking government will immediately release US subjects held in detention, and will subscribe to the doctrine of peaceful settlement of disputes. Mr. Nehru is in a unique position to impress the validity of these conditions on Mr. Chou En-lai, and if he succeeds in doing so he will have performed a service of incalculable value. For if America and China can find an area of agreement, promising eventual consolidation, this must have a profound effect on Russia and the other Communist nations.

Commons Told

NO SLAVERY IN HK

London, Dec. 21.

Mr. A. D. Dodds Parker, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said today he had "no evidence whatever" that there was slavery in Hongkong.

A Labour member, Mr. James Johnson, had told the House of Commons: "there might be a little slavery in Hongkong, Aden and Malaya, but it is going fast."

He was pressing the government to move at the United Nations for machinery to supervise the application of the Brussels anti-slavery convention of 1890.

Britain, he said, was understood to be opposed to supervising machinery because it would provide a forum for attack by the Communist powers in the economic and social council.

"We have nothing to fear from the Communists," he said. It was here he made his reference to Hongkong.

Mr. Johnson said the government's "starch" policy was contrary to the nation's anti-slavery record.

Mui Tsai Cited

Mr. Dodds Parker, referring to Hongkong said:

"I have no evidence whatever that there is any slavery in the Colony. Mr. Johnson may have in mind the institutions called Mui Tsai or child bondage, but no cases have come to light for a number of years."

"Mui Tsai is illegal and social welfare inspectors vigilantly enforce the law."

"In Malaya we have no knowledge of slavery or anything comparable to Mui Tsai."

Mr. Dodds Parker said the effectiveness of the convention largely depended on the number of accessions. The British delegation had been instructed to raise the matter in the United Nations General Assembly in the hope of stimulating further accession.

—*Reuter*

Poisonous Sneeze

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.

After a thorough investigation, medical experts came to the conclusion today that the poisoning of 37 guests at a Protestant church in Los Angeles on December 13 was due, not to the food, not to the kitchen but to a sneeze.

They think the cook sneezed, spreading bacteria over all the dishes. The warmth abetting the bacteria, they became poison—and the guests became ill.

Fortunately, however, there were no deaths attributed to the poisonous sneeze. —*France-Press*

More Jo'burg Demonstrations: Police Charge At Crowd

Johannesburg, Dec. 21. Five persons were injured and taken to hospital today, as demonstrations continued as a result of the treason trials of a group of 152 persons, including many members of the African National Congress and the Indian Congress.

Some members of these organizations demonstrated before the "drill hall" where the trial was being held about noon today.

The crowd, which included many women, began to sing songs and shout African National Congress slogans. The police made a baton charge on the crowd, injuring five of the demonstrators. Within the drill hall, the defendants (22 Europeans, 20 Indians, eight coloured, and a hundred Africans) were no longer within a giant "cage" as they were yesterday, but were sitting at liberty,

talking to their lawyers. The prosecutor, Van Nierkerk, charged that the South African Congress had asked for aid from abroad in an attempt to form a Communist state in South Africa.

The prosecutor said the South African Democratic Congress had appealed for funds and volunteers who were willing to take an oath to "struggle to the death" against racial discrimination and to de-

stroy the "Fascist government of South Africa." He also criticised the "freedom charter," which, he said, would lead the non-European organizations, which had created it, to revolt against the order of the established government and stir up hostility between the black and white elements of the South African population. The session was adjourned until January 9.—*France-Press*

CHOU & NEHRU TO HOLD IMPORTANT TALKS

China's Relations With America

New Delhi, Dec. 21.

Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, is expected to give Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, his impression of American Far East policy, when he meets the Chinese leader here at the end of the month.

Mr. Nehru is at present in the United States. Mr. Chou, who recently paid an official visit to India, is now on a 10-day official visit to Pakistan.

The Chinese and Indian leaders will have two days of informal talks here after the end of Mr. Chou's Pakistan visit.

Mr. Chou has himself said he hoped to be a "link" in furthering better relations between the United States and Communist China. Considerable significance is attached here to his remark that American policy was not so "rigid," though he refused to say whether he applied this remark to American policy on China.

PRIVATE TALKS

When Mr. Chou returns to India from Pakistan on December 30 he will travel with Mr. Nehru to see the giant Bhakra dam project in the Himalayan foothills which is to be the highest dam in the world.

The following day the two statesmen will fly to Patna, giving them plenty of opportunity for private talks before they part.

Mr. Chou will fly to Nepal for a three-day visit on January 1 and Mr. Nehru will go to Indore in Central India for the vital Congress Party's annual session which will precede a country-wide election campaign.

SECOND MEETING

There is a possibility of a later meeting between Mr. Chou and Mr. Nehru, however, which may be equally significant. It was officially announced by the Afghan Embassy here today that Mr. Chou has postponed his visit to Afghanistan from January 7 until January 19.

Though no official confirmation is available it is believed here that Mr. Chou may pay a flying visit to Moscow during those days, visiting Afghanistan on his return journey on January 19 on the way back to Peking through Delhi.

If he visits Moscow, it is argued here, the Hungarian situation is certain to be dis-

Workers' Leader Released

Budapest, Dec. 21.

Sandor Racz, Hungarian workers leader arrested ten days ago, has been released usually well informed sources said today.

Racz, a member of the former Budapest central workers council dissolved by the Hungarian government a fortnight ago was freed earlier this week and returned to work in the Beloit electrical plant here the sources said.

"Sandor Racz, 23-year-old former chairman of the central council arrested with Bal is still in custody," the sources added.

Hungarian police accused both at the time of their arrest of playing a leading role in turning the central council into "an instrument of counter-revolution" and organising "provocative strikes" trying to intimidate honest workers and giving false information to Western press correspondents.

—*Reuter*

China Mail Feature Highlights

Here are some of today's feature highlights:

P. 5: The Chairborne Era ... Chapman Fletcher reports new medical discoveries and says "If you want to live, get up and go."

P. 6: Gilles cartoon, Island Christmas (there were Chinese opera, brandy, octopus — and opium) by James Wickenden.

P. 7: The US on the push-button standard for Christmas, by Don Jodon. Across Antarctica—the second phase, by Christine Ross.

P. 8: Mr. Hollywood walks the plank—and lands on a pile of dollars, by Alan Brien. Strange home, by George Hogan reports on the house of the future.

P. 13: The new man by Dulles' side... a portrait of Christian Archibald Herrie, by Les Armour.

P. 14 & 15: Local and overseas sports review.

RAF Officer With Soviet Contacts

London, Dec. 21.

A young Royal Air Force officer who had been interviewed about contacts with Soviet representatives in Britain is "absent without leave" after flying to Berlin, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

An Air Ministry announcement said: "Flying Officer A. M. Wright has been absent without leave from his unit since December 6. Investigations have shown that on December 3, he travelled from this country to Berlin by civil air line."

"Wright is 22 years of age and has been in the R.A.F. since 1953. He was suspended from flying training in October 1956, for medical reasons before he had completed his flying training."

"He had flown no modern operational aircraft."

TWO INTERVIEWS

"Earlier this year, it was learnt that Wright had been in contact with Soviet representatives in the United Kingdom."

"In view of this, Wright was on two occasions interviewed about his contacts and intentions."

"It was not felt necessary to place any special restrictions on the movements of this young and inexperienced officer."

"Wright had been due to have an eye examination on December 3, but telephoned to say that he was ill and unable to attend."

"When he failed to arrive, investigations as to his whereabouts commenced." —*China Mail Special*

QUEEN GOES TO SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 21.

Queen Elizabeth, and her children left by rail today to spend Christmas at her country home, Sandringham.

The Queen, who went by train rather than car because of the gasoline shortage, was accompanied by Prince Charles and Princess Anne, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

—*United Press*

Commons Adjourns

London, Dec. 21.

The House of Commons adjourned today for the year end holiday.

It will reconvene on January 22.—*France-Press*

HOPES FOR THE DAY OF NO BAMBOO & IRON CURTAINS

United Nations, Dec. 21.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, told United Nations correspondents today that he looked for the day when there would be no such things as the "Iron Curtain" or the "Bamboo Curtain" to prevent the free flow of news.

Mr. Nehru spoke to newsmen informally at the end of a four-hour visit to UN headquarters, his second in two days.

He arrived for a formal lunch and private talks with the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, and Prince Wan Waihayakon of Thailand, President of the General Assembly.

His session with newsmen came just before he left the United Nations. It was billed strictly as a "social" visit and there was no questioning period such as he underwent with 500 correspondents in Washington earlier this week.

"I do feel it would be very, very helpful toward the consideration of important questions if there was adequate reporting of news," said Mr. Nehru.

"We talk today of Iron, Bamboo and Bamboo Curtains and other curtains. I hope that we will have none of these curtains in the future and that

adequate news will move from one country to another.

"Correct reporting of news would help a great deal to tone down antagonisms."

The Indian leader said the question the world faced today was whether to be governed "by the pen or by the sword."

"Nearly everybody in the world would prefer the pen," he said. "You (newsmen) represent the pen. You are performing an extremely important function in life as it is today."

Mr. Nehru expressed regret that greater prominence was given to "bad news and the abnormal" than to the usual and ordinary, which involved the greater proportion of the world's population. He said: "Countries which set abnormally get the publicity, while those which live normally are ignored."

—*United Press*

Rebel Attacks Against Villages Repulsed

Constantine, Dec. 21.

Rebel attacks against two villages in the Constantine area of Algeria were repulsed last night after heavy fighting between the rebels and French security forces, it was reported here tonight.

A strong rebel band, armed with rifles, automatic weapons and grenades, attacked the village of Miza some 25 miles from Constantine, machine-gunning all the military posts in the village and attacking the home of a French settler.

The rebels retreated, carrying their dead and wounded with them, after security forces, supported by a tank, had dispersed the attack with no casualties reported among the security forces and the village residents.

ROUTED BY PATROL

Another rebel band launched a general attack against the village of Saint-Arnaud, about 15 miles from Selt. The rebels were routed after attacking a French military patrol, firing upon the local

police station, and setting fire to the home of M. Miane, a public works contractor, who kept powder and a nimito in his house.

The rebels carried their dead and wounded with them. They inflicted no casualties on the village inhabitants or security forces. —*France-Press*

Big Loan Credit

Washington, Dec. 21.

The United States Export Import Bank today announced a credit of 500 million dollars to the British government.

An official announcement said the money would be available for the United Kingdom's dollar requirements "for United States goods and services, including dollar requirements for petroleum."

—*Reuter*

TRAIN SMASH

Belgrade, Dec. 21.

Twelve persons were injured today when a train struck the Orient Express, stationed at the entrance to the station at Nova Gradiska, Yugoslavia. —*France-Press*

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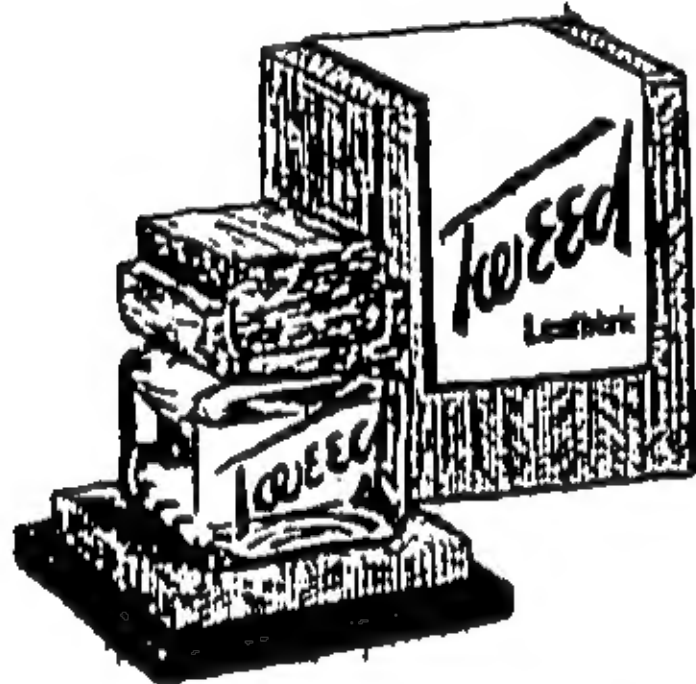
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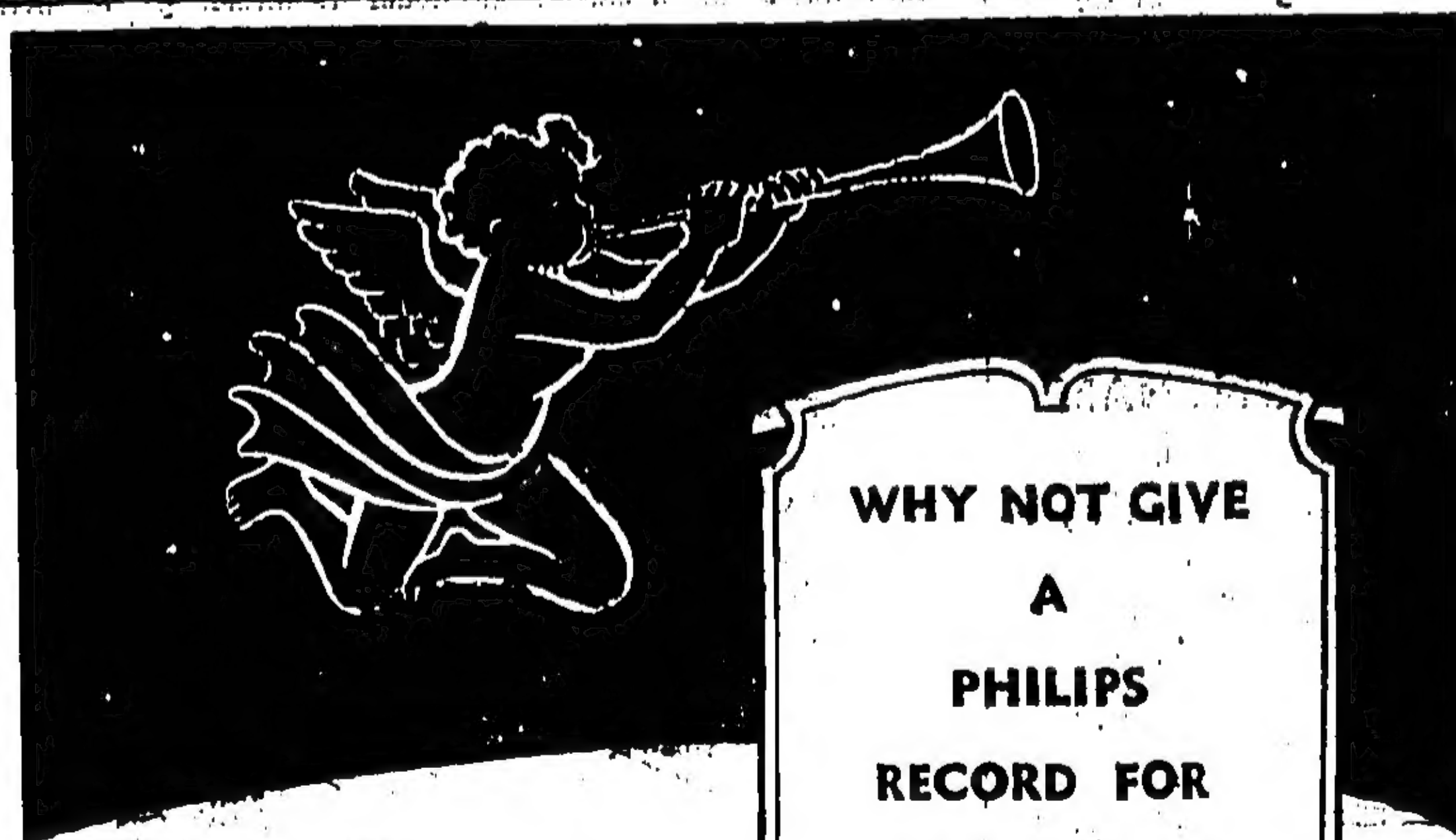
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She was a natural then, for the aristocratic, snobbish Tracy Lord, originally played by Katharine Hepburn in "The Philadelphia Story". With one exception in the earlier picture Katharine Hepburn gets gloriously drunk and is found in compromising circumstances after a society party. When I read of the re-make of this picture with Grace Kelly in the main role I was willing to bet that this part would certainly not be included in the new version—even though it was the crux of the whole plot. I was wrong. So anyone who is intrigued by the idea of the dignified Miss Kelly stepping gracefully down from her pedestal for a while should not miss "High Society".

There are many other reasons for not leaving it off your Christmas list. Reasons called Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Louis Calhern and Celeste Holm—though Miss Holm's special brand of comedy is getting just a little too familiar to raise the same laughs as it did in its earlier days.

Bing and "Satchmo" are old friends and they have made one or two records that show what an understanding partnership the time from their respectively busy fields to get together.

In "High Society" Bing Crosby is a millionaire sportsman and amateur song writer. He has at one time been married to the fashionable, socially prominent Grace Kelly who has divorced him because of what she considers to be his feckless ways.

As the film opens we learn of a double attraction in wealthy Newport. There's the jazz festival, at which Louis Armstrong and other famous players will be featured and there's also Grace Kelly's wedding. She is to marry John Lund—a good business man but a poor type, we gather. Bing Crosby appears, ostensibly for the Festival but actually to try a second time for Tracy.

He has the co-operation of everyone except Tracy herself and if you saw "Philadelphia Story" you'll know the outcome.

This picture, though good by the standards of entertainment in general, doesn't quite attain the sparkle and humor of the original picture. The former was sharp, clear and sophisticated. "High Society" is warmer but the edge is off the humor and

the range, exuberant though they may be, seem to be out of step with one eye on the audience to see how they are taking them. The conviction that they're good doesn't seem to be there.

Martin-Lewis

One would never guess from "Pardners" that Martin and Lewis were not exactly that.

When the punpered little mother's boy, Jerry Lewis, follows puppy-like in the wake of the tough cowboy, Dean Martin, there's an affection towards him from Martin, even when he's telling him to go back to mama that looks far too real to be simulated.

Perhaps all these stories about a parody of the ways for this successful pair is all a publicity stunt after all. Jerry Lewis is reported to have said at the big gala premiere of "High Society" in Hollywood back in the autumn, that the split-up is "just something we're trying out—you never know!"

Meanwhile there are rumours that Lewis is to be starred by Hal Wallis in a comedy with Elvis Presley and that Producer Joe Pasternak has high hopes of Dean Martin as a comedian, actor and singer on his own. Apparently Pasternak discovered Martin years ago—when he was then a prize fighter, but didn't think enough of him to do more than give him a test and then drop him. Now, however, on the strength of his partnership with Jerry Lewis, Pasternak is producing Martin in his first solo picture. He claims it will establish him as a first class star. The title? "10,000 Bedrooms."

To return to "Pardners". It's a happy show with Martin and Lewis parodying all the favour-ite clichés of the western. For those who don't like to see their particular form of amusement made a mock of, it might seem dangerously like less majesty. But for the others who are tired of seeing that ridiculous man-to-man, back-

to-back last stand, or even that dominating, all-conquering female tycoon (gently brought crashing to the ground by Agnes Moorehead) it's a breath of clean fresh air.

The timing of this pair seems to have improved beyond measure and whereas in many of their previous films they relied on custard pie farce to get them through, in "Pardners" there's originality in every situation.

I recommend this picture to indiscriminating lovers of fun and to the more discerning film-goer alike.

'Iron' Woman

"The Iron Petticoat" is a riot, chiefly perhaps because it is such fun to see Katherine Hepburn, reputedly so difficult to work with, taken down several pegs by Bob Hope.

It tells of a Russian woman flier who comes down on the western side of the Iron Curtain for personal reasons, which however have nothing to do with lack of faith in the rectitude of the New Russia.

Bob Hope is a happy-go-lucky American pilot due for a spot of leave just before Katherine Hepburn descends from the skies and the lights in his eyes say exactly what he is going to do with her in London.

His illusions are rudely shattered, however, when he is given the job of escorting the prickly lady wherever she wants to go with a view to converting her to democratic ways of life. His dreams of delicious lovelies in pieces, Hope goes off with, but grace to take care of his new job.

James Robertson Justice, of all people, is a Soviet spy and he, David Kossoff and Hope's chilly but wealthy girl friend—Noelle Middleton—complicate matters for Hope in no mean fashion. Look out too for an excellent performance from dancer Robert Helpmann as Kropotkin.

A Spectacle

I shall have to see "Alexander the Great" a second time before being able adequately to pass judgment upon it.

New Films

At
A Glance
SHOWING

HOOVER and LIBERTY:
"High Society": A musical version of "The Philadelphia Story". Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly, Louis Armstrong, Louis Calhern.

KING'S and PRINCESS:
"Pardners": A Martin and Lewis comedy. With Agnes Moorehead, Lori Nelson, Jeff Morrow.

METROPOLE and STAR:
"Alexander the Great": Spectacle with some psychology thrown in. Richard Burton, Freddie March, Danielle Darrieux, Claire Bloom.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA:
"Santiago": Gun running in the jungles of Cuba. Alan Ladd, Lloyd Nolan, Rossana Rossana.

ROXY and BROADWAY:
"The Iron Petticoat": Comedy about a Russian flier who comes down on our side of the curtain. Katherine Hepburn, Bob Hope, James Robertson Justice.

COMING

HOOVER and LIBERTY:
"Tosca and Sympathy": Romantic entanglement between a schoolmaster's wife and one of her husband's pupils. Deborah Kerr, John Kerr, Lefty Ericson.

KING'S and PRINCESS:
"Oklahoma!": Screen version of the successful musical. Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones, Rod Steiger, Gloria Grahame, Gene Nelson.

METROPOLE and STAR:
"The Apartment": Smooth comedy set in a New York comedy set. In CinemaScope Paris. Olivia de Havilland, John Forsythe.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA:
"You Can't Run Away From It": Comedy with a Texas helmsman running from and into love. Jane Fonda, Jack Lemmon, Charles Hallahan.

ROXY and BROADWAY:
"Between Heaven and Hell": A good war film. Robert Wagner, Broderick Jones, "Love Me Tender". A comedy set in a New York comedy set. In CinemaScope Paris. Olivia de Havilland, John Forsythe.

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Winchester.
City fathers have shelved a plan to erect a statue of King Henry III who was born here. The plans had been drawn up for the statue when it was suggested they check up and see what Henry thought of his birthplace. Here's what he said: "The city and the district stink." Of Hampshire county he said: "There is no county so infamous in England, none stained so deep in crime."—United Press.

Why Soviet Sailors Like A Life On The Ocean Wave

New York.
Soviet sailors must be the most cultured in the world, according to an impressive report issued by the Soviet navy.

At sea they exercise to the music of Liszt and relax by enacting plays by Beaumarchais. In port they head for the nearest museum or library and attend classical music concerts.

This is stated in the first issue released, one given to American magazine by the Russian navy. The article, describing the "Lovely, merry and interesting" off-duty activities of Russia's sailors, is published in the current issue of "Our Navy," an unofficial U.S. navy publication. In describing the life at the crew of a Russian naval cruiser, the author, Mr. Leonid Goryanov, says that the ship has a luxurious club of its own where the crew can indulge in such favorite pastimes as chess, classical records and lectures on social-political, literary and scientific subjects.

MERRY SKETCH

The club is also the home of the "amateur theatrical circle" and the ship's orchestra, which is headed by a graduate of the Moscow State Conservatory. The theatrical circle can manage anything from ethnic dancing to heavy drama and the orchestra is capable of "Russian and foreign classical pieces." At one of the numerous joint entertainments given by these two groups, Mr. Goryanov reported that he saw a "merry sketch" on the topic of the day's and heard stirring renditions of Joe's aria from "Carmen," lyrical verses by Shchepachyov, a Robert Burns ballad and "Coming in on a wing and a prayer." The "small play" by Beaumarchais apparently was the main event.

When the sailors are not being entertained by their own crew

talent, they are entertained by theatre groups, choir and ballet companies from Russia's best theatres. The article describes Moscow's top artists as "constant guests" on Navy ships. Every time a sunny day—"a source of special joy"—comes along, the sailors are given a sports holiday. Mr. Goryanov reported: "There are boat races, swimming competitions, billiard and ping pong matches, radio chess games between ships, boxing, wrestling, running and weight-lifting."

THE P.S.

In the intervals between the various events one can hear the inspiring melodies of Tchaikovsky and Liszt, Bizet and Gounod, Moussorgsky and Grieg," the article says. After dinner and a siesta the ship's amplifiers announced the news that an amateur concert would take place that evening.

As a postscript to the article, our Navy reports that the American Military party which recently attended the Soviet Military air show in Moscow saw a scale model of a U.S. Navy carrier task force set up on a table at the Russian Air Academy. "Included was a model of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, complete even to the name in English on the bow and stern," the magazine said. "The training mock-up was to demonstrate both high and low level bombing attacks on the U.S. formation."—United Press.

Rain Problem Test By Searchlight

Sydney.
SCIENTISTS in Australia are probing outer space with a converted army searchlight. They are trying to discover why more rain falls on the earth's surface on some days of each year than on others.

Rainfall reports from England and other countries dating back 100 years are helping them in their work.

The scientists found that for 100 years certain days in each year averaged a far higher rainfall than the normal daily rainfall for the month.

These days occur 30 days after the earth passes through a meteor stream in its orbit around the sun. The scientists believe that meteor dust filters through the earth's atmosphere, causing rain.

They are plotting the stratosphere by night to test their theory. The beam from the searchlight is spotlighted by a mirror a few miles away to measure the reflections of dust particles in the upper atmosphere. —(London Express Service)

'Gaul My Wife' Plea

Dublin.
An ex-soldier sentenced to two months in gaol here asked the judge to gaol his wife along with him because "she has no one to look after her."

The request was turned down. Reason: No married quarters.—United Press.

Snake Hid 4 Months

Paris.
A SIX-FOOT boa-constrictor, which escaped from Nice Station's left-luggage office four months ago, was found curled up beside a boiler in the station basement the other day. It had apparently been living on rats and mice.

Snake-charmer Mme. Hintza, now on a world tour, left the boa-constrictor at the luggage office. She offered £5 reward for its capture. Now police are trying to find Mme. Hintza to claim the reward—and hand over the snake.

Coughed Up Gold Thimble —After 11 Years

Treviglio.
Giovanna Metelli, 23, coughed violently the other day—and got rid of a golden thimble which had stuck in her throat for 11 years.

Miss Metelli said she held the small thimble between her lips while sewing in 1945 and inadvertently swallowed it.

Doctors were unable to remove it from her throat, but assured her it would not cause any trouble.

The thimble stayed peacefully in Miss Metelli's throat until she spat it out. She went straight to the nearby shrine of Caravaggio to thank the Virgin Mary.—United Press.

'LOVE' CHURCH OPENS

London.
THE London church that gave birth to the "Abode of Love" cult—Britain's nearest approach to early Mormonism and its belief in plural marriage—was reopened for public worship last week.

Presiding was Mr. Harold P. Nicholson, former head-waiter and now "Archbishop" of the Ancient Catholic Church.

It was he who performed a service of burial for "Sister Ruth," a founder of the sect, after Church of England ministers had declined to officiate. Mr. Nicholson has secured a lease on the church at Hookwood Road, Clapton Common, N., where half a century ago the Rev. John Hugh Smyth-Piggott was hanged from the pulpit for declaring: "I am the Messiah."

Since then the church has remained closed but the fabric and the grounds in which the church stands have been kept in good order.

Funds, it has been said, were available from a number of wealthy women the late Mr. Smyth-Piggott enrolled in his sect before and after he was defrocked by the Church of England for immorality.

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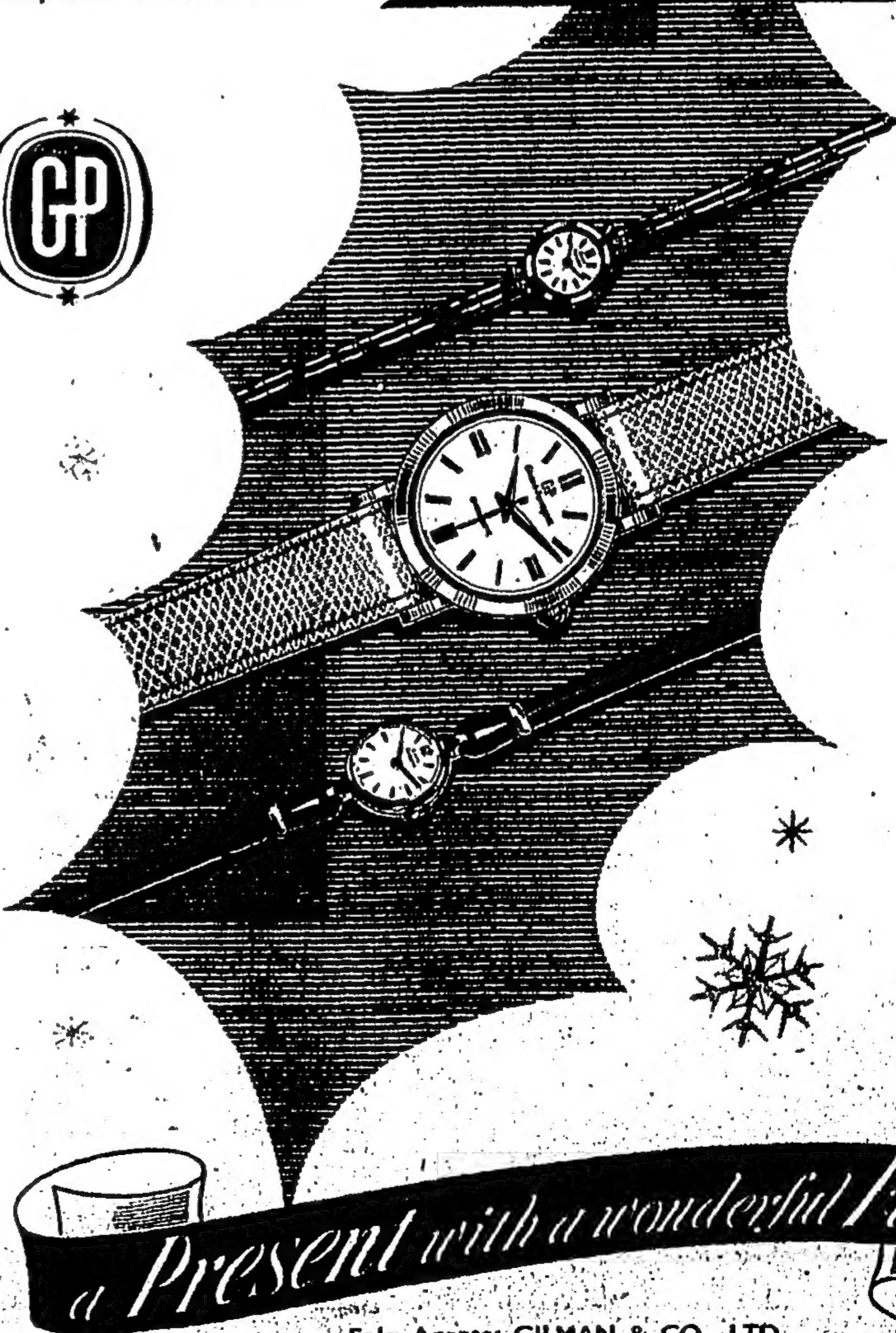
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Long NZ Ski-Lift Opened

Wellington.
NEW Zealand has opened up the second longest ski-lift in the world. The lift, nearly a mile long, is on Mount Ruapehu, on the North Island. It rises to 7800ft. above sea level and has opened up magnificent new skiing fields. The lift means a fresh season of three months after the normal season ends in September.

Skiing is one of New Zealand's most popular sports, and is rapidly attracting tourists. Compared with European standards it is cheap.

The new lift will be an added attraction for tourists and raise the general standard of skiing in New Zealand.

Footnote: The new lift is located 200 yards only by a lift in Colorado, U.S.A.

HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



THE Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cullum Welch, entertains some of the Army Cadet Force lads in the Egyptian Room at the Mansion House after their annual march past. With the Lord Mayor in picture are (left) David Rose, 17, who has three years' service in the Force, and Winston Oliver Hector, 13-year-old from Jamaica, who has been two years in the Force. (Army News)



THIS is 19-year-old 2/Lieut Jeremy Spencer, who has just passed out of Eaton Hall Officer Cadets' School at Chester. But you'll know him better when you see Marilyn Monroe's new film, "The Sleeping Prince," because Jeremy co-stars with her in it. A peacetime conscript, he is being posted to Kenya, and will have to stay in the Army two years before he can resume his film career. (Express)



SADRUDDIN KHAN, 24-year-old younger son of the Aga Khan, at London Airport before he flew back to the U.S. to resume studies for his Ph. D. degree. His name has been linked romantically with that of Nina Dyer, ex-model ex-wife of Baron von Thyssen. He told newsmen there was no question of marriage—Miss Dyer and he were not even engaged. (Express)

BELOW: No petrol but plenty of turkeys in Britain. Never before have there been so many birds on the hooks, for British farmers have raised a million more than they did last year. And prices have dried. This butcher's window is typical. (Express)



A BRITISH baby food firm threw a 21st birthday party in London's Grosvenor House Hotel for the Milles children of St Neots, Huntingdonshire—better known as "the St Neots Quads." To make things more interesting, they invited along three other sets of bobtail-kins—the Coles of London, the Taylors of Edmonton and the Goods of Bristol. Their ages are respectively six, eight and eight. We know it's confusing, but here they are. Back row: Michael, Ann, Ernest and Paul Miles. Then, standing: Jennifer, Elizabeth, Frances and Bridget Good. Second row: Patricia, Marie, Frances and Edna Coles. And in front: Paul, Robert, Kevin and Annette Taylor. (Express)



IT took Colonel Nasser to put London girl Priscilla Birr on a tightrope. Priscilla, aged 18, became Zaboret the Fire-eater two years ago. Fire-eating means petrol—and she is doubtful about getting even a basic ration for it. So she has been practising on a tightrope to try a new act. (Express)



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MRS Ernest Hemingway, fourth wife of the novelist, is in London looking up old friends and doing some shopping. She is at home in London, where as Mary Welsh she did newspaper reporting before she married Hemingway in 1946. She calls him "Papa," and he calls her "Miss Mary." (Express)



A Birmingham company director, Mr. Eric Donovan, has found the ideal answer to the petrol shortage. He goes to work on horseback in bowler hat, riding mack, breeches, boots and hunting crop. To make sure he complies with traffic regulations, he has fitted to his stirrups a compact gadget containing front lamp, rear lamp and reflector. (Express)

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



A TEA TIME TREAT

The Chairborne Era

DO you think you could remain physically fit if you were condemned to spend almost all your waking time sitting in a wheel chair?

No? Yet the odds are that is exactly what you are doing of your own free will, except that your chair has no wheels on it.

Surveys are consistently showing that most men and women sit for the greater part of the eight hours they work.

They sit on the way home in a bus, train or car. They sit for most of their leisure—about five hours a day—in the pictures, in the pub, watching TV or just dozing.

Even Army cadets at Sandhurst spend 9½ hours of each day sitting in lecture rooms, in the canteen or on their beds, say the investigators.

Housewives too, in spite of their chores and shopping, pass the greater part of each day—seven to eight hours in the case of those with no children—sitting down.

DISORDERS

There is no escaping the fact that the human being who is designed by nature to lead an active life has gradually become a sedentary creature.

by
CHAPMAN PINCHER

The Chairborne Era has overwhelmed us so insidiously that even the ploughman sits at work and watches TV at night.

Now, muscles make up about half of the human body and the energy processes going on inside them dominate the entire body chemistry. So it would be surprising if this increasing inactivity of the muscular system did not produce some unnatural effects.

Doctors are claiming that these effects are now

so positive that they are showing up in a big way in their surgeries in the form of minor complaints and even major "disorders of civilisation."

About 80 percent of patients being treated for low backache were entirely free from organic disease but failed to pass simple tests for muscle strength and flexibility. When put on corrective exercises they quickly lost their pain and their general health improved.

Army records suggest that emotional instability and other forms of "nerves" are so much commoner in people who are flabby and inactive that exercise must exert a soothing effect on the nervous system.

There seems to be no doubt that much and possibly most of the lassitude and general "off-colour" feeling which is so common is directly due to lack of exercise.

So many people are complaining of this run-down feeling that doctors are beginning to speak of "sub-strength" patients.

DEFICIENCY

These are not positively ill, but have high pulse rate, elevated blood pressure, low reserves against stress, and—invariably—poor muscle strength through lack of exercise.

"Exercise deficiency" is far more prevalent and important than vitamin deficiency doctors claim.

Medical Research Council worker Dr. Jeremy Morris suspects that lack of exercise is partly responsible for such major civilisation disorders as duodenal ulcers, diabetes, liver trouble, heart attacks, and even appendicitis.

THE HEART

He believes that physical activity may protect the heart and lungs as well as improve the muscles.

There is even evidence that regular exercise helps to slay off the effects of increasing age.

Hungarian doctors who carried out muscle measurements on 5,000 men and women believe that people who regularly exercise their muscles get a

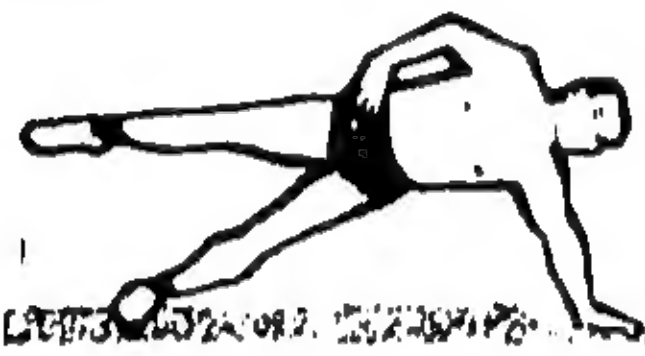


New Facts Drive Home The Lesson:
'If You Want To Be Fit, Get Up And Go!'

LEADING ATHLETE-DOCTOR LISTS THE FIVE BEST 'ANTI-CHAIRBORNE' EXERCISES

DR. THOMAS CURETON, a U.S. scientist, is the world's leading authority on how to step up athletic performance by improving physical fitness. After "analysing" Roger Bannister in

1952, he correctly predicted that the young British runner had the physical capacity to run a mile in less than four minutes.



ONE: Many of the trunk muscles get a thorough flexing during this easy leg-raising exercise done on the side.



TWO: From the sitting position with both legs off the floor, the legs are alternately drawn up towards the chest and thrust straight forward.



THREE: Flutter kicks with the legs done as quickly as possible when lying on the stomach, as above, and on the back. They develop lower-back, waist, and stomach muscles.



FOUR: Rhythmic bending from a sitting position on the floor exercises the often-neglected abdominal muscles. Should be done twice

daily for five minutes, says Dr. Cureton.



FIVE: The step test for endurance building. It consists of stepping on to a chair or bench, using each leg alternately. Work up to 30 steps a minute for five minutes. Practise it once or twice a day.

"second wind" in middle life.

The muscles of those who remain chairborne gradually get weaker through being replaced by fat and other "ballast." Those who keep in regular exercise retain a muscle strength which tones up the entire system.

"We are convinced that the results of our researches indicate a practical method for the prevention of growing old—physical exercise, muscle work, and sport," report the Hungarian doctors, led by Professor E. Bajusz.

Exercise also helps to defusing processes by keeping the body lean. The belief that exercise is of little value in slimming and that dieting is the only practical procedure has been discredited by the researches of Dr. Jean Mayer.

WOMAN KEPT ALIVE FOR 3 DAYS BY MACHINE

A ROBOT machine which can automatically resuscitate a patient whose heart has stopped beating has been built at St George's Hospital, London.

It starts bombarding the heart with electric currents to shock it back into action immediately the patient's pulse stops. At the same time it sounds an alarm to summon the doctor.

A 58-year-old woman whose heart had failed was kept alive for three days by means of the machine. Electric leads were attached to her chest to transmit the shocks to her heart whenever her pulse stopped.

Her heart recovered its normal beat and the woman became "quite well and comfortable."

the doctors report in the *Lancet*. Four days later her heart failed again and once more the machine revived her.

She suffered a further heart attack later when the machine was not available—and died.

IT'S CHEAP

As it costs only a few pounds doctors foresee the day when all hospital patients in danger of suffering a heart attack will have a machine by the bedside.

Electric shock machines for use in heart attacks are in use at many hospitals. But they have to be applied directly to the heart, which means a severe operation.

It is often impossible to do this in time to save the patient.

overweight. This is illustrated by the way so many soldiers rapidly run to fat as soon as they return to a chairborne life in "civilian clothes."

As a result of all this evidence, exercise is "topping back into favour as the only treatment to counter the inactivity complaints of the Chairborne Era."

There is no need for anything over-sensuous. Walking instead of catching the bus, climbing stairs instead of taking the lift, dancing occasionally instead of watching TV, and more gardening will work wonders—if you keep them up—say the doctors.

A few minutes a day spent on the exercises shown below—they are recommended by a leading U.S. scientist, Dr. Cureton—will provide a tonic that will not even cost you a shilling on the bottle.

The new device applies the shocks to the chest which conducts them to the heart so that no surgery is needed and vital minutes are saved.

The machine, which is a mass of miniature electronic parts in a box no bigger than a large loaf, was devised by Dr. Aubrey Leatham, a heart specialist, Dr. Peter Cook, and Mr. John Davies, an electronics expert.

Powered by batteries or the mains it can deliver 40-50 heart shocks a minute.

Though the St. George's doctors have only recently begun to use the machine they have issued a rush report on it so that other hospitals can build one. (Continued)

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King's Biographer Writes On And On

London. The man chosen to write the official biography of King George VI told me: "I can't say when it will be finished."

"I suppose it will be a few years yet..."

Mr. John Wheeler-Bennett, 52-year-old historian, was chosen by the Queen for the job in 1953.

Three years ago... I reasoned he must have nearly finished. So I rang him. But he told me he still does not see the end of the work in sight.

"I don't even know yet how long it is going to be. I have to absorb heaps of material..."

"I have finished the research now. But I don't even know how much I have written..."

I felt a little envious of this biographer.

He is married—his wife, Muriel, is a painter and sculptor—and has a son and daughter. He lives in Surrey, has a studio in Chelsea.

Fifteen months ago Mr. Wheeler resigned from the Government—sponsored Arts Council. He gave his reason: a protest against public money being spent on an exhibition by the Swiss artist Giacometti.

Wheeler is a dapper little man with grey hair, intense blue eyes, and sharp features. He is a dandy dresser.

After his election in the first-floor Reynolds Room at the Academy there were drinks all round.

Mr. Wheeler posed with Sir Alfred Munnings, Sir Gerald Kelly, and Sir Albert Richardson for photographs under a painting of Sir Joshua Reynolds—the first P.R.A.

"Mr. Wheeler told me his creed for his term of office. He said: 'My first point is the encouragement of traditional skill in art. My second, the encouragement of bold experiment; the third, to look out for charlatanism and smile it hip and thigh.'"

I talked also to James Pluton, the painter, who was a rival for the presidency.

He said: "I am not really disappointed, because I have only been an Academician for two years."

"But there were only two or three votes in it between Mr. Wheeler and myself. It still consoles me to be regarded as a kid at 55 in here."

SCULPTOR TAKES OVER

THE Royal Academy, elected a sculptor, Mr. Charles Wheeler, as its new president. He succeeds Sir Albert Richardson, the first sculptor ever to be elected. He is 54. Every Londoner will know the work of Mr. Wheeler. The west fountain in Trafalgar Square, Ariel at the Bank of

England, the two huge figures of Earth and Water on the Air Ministry building in Whitehall Gardens—all are his.

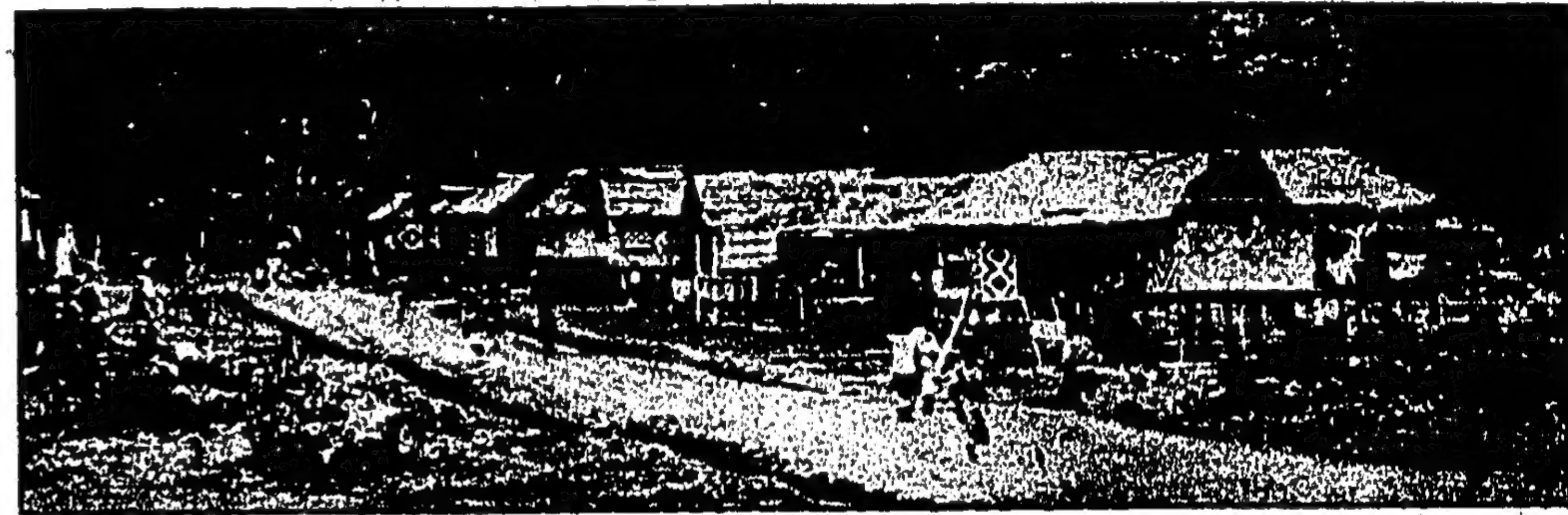
And on Tower Hill is the Impressive Merchant Navy memorial the Queen unveiled last year.

HEADS, YOU WIN

AS if things in the world weren't bad enough... American magazine advertisements now urge people to buy replicas of shrunken Papuan heads as Christmas decorations. "Sensational to hang in the den or bar... have fun."

I must be losing my sense of fun.

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ISLAND CHRISTMAS

There were Chinese opera, brandy, octopus—and opium!

By JAMES WICKENDEN

THE jungle behind was a network of green and black shadow and the sea in front was a grey-blue lake. A small wavelet discreetly curled over on the sand. It was quiet, the air hung heavy for early morning, and it was Christmas Day.

The three of us, Mary and the boy and myself, were the only white family in a Chinese village on the coast of Singapore Island.

I lay in bed looking through the open door of the bungalow—it was only one large room partitioned into three—and waited for the morning breeze. The fishing fleet would catch it and come over the bar at the mouth of the creek a few hundred yards away.

The boy was already on the sand chasing hermit crabs. He stopped occasionally to pick some coral and put it in the bucket he carried. Then faintly we heard the banging of sweeps as the Chinese prawn fishermen brought in their flat-bottomed boat.

THEY swept up the creek, standing and pushing the sweeps, their faces gaunt and their clothes flapping, like a row of spectres. But there was money in prawns; enough to buy a bottle of good French brandy now and then for cold nights beyond the kelongs, or fish traps, standing in the shallows beyond the low tide mark.

Mary had bought a turkey at the cold store eighteen miles away in Singapore. There were nuts, raisins, stuffing for the bird and a box of crackers. We had the basis of a feast. There

might even be some more cards if we could be energetic enough to walk the half mile to the fortified police station overlooking the jetty, where the mail was delivered.

The meal was the main thing. We would cook it in a portable tin oven the primus stove. I got up to put the bottles of wine to cool in the water tank when three figures came splashing through the shallows which at high tide separated the hut and its sand-bar from the mainland. One I recognised as Chew Fatt, a round dealer in wire netting, corrugated iron sheets and fishing lines.

FOLLOWING them was Ahmet, a small, naked Malay boy from the village, throwing stones at the water snakes. As they approached the mud-crabs popped into their holes and withdrew their bulbous red claws like a series of disturbed Colonel Blimps.

They stood round the door whispering. Then Chew Fatt produced a gold-toothed smile and a pink invitation card the size of a chain-store menu. Would we come to a party that evening at the coffee shop? The Jurong Welfare Society, the local Chinese organisation, was holding its annual opera.

This, I knew, would be a three-day affair—the village transformed into a babel of screams and bangs from a travelling theatrical company complete with orchestra and the shouts of medicine peddlers. We accepted gratefully.

There were more smiles and they went. Ahmet then came to the door to say that his father

was going to slip the moorings on my yacht and pole it out to the anchorage beyond the creek mouth in readiness for an afternoon sail.

The meal was a success, and as evening drew on we heard the opera start. When we reached the village we saw that over the jetty had been built a high, rickety stage lit by a throbbing generator behind the only two-storey building in the place, the coffee shop.

The stage was brightly decorated in red and gold, and a chalky-faced boy with reddened lips and blackened eyes postured and yelled in a glittering costume of ancient China.

Up the stairs of the coffee shop we went. The drum of the society stood against the wall, surrounded by a banner. At the tables sat the worthies of the district—fish dealers, the owner of a pepper plantation, a maker of porcelain cups to catch rubber from the trees of neighbouring estates, and dealers in various trades.

IN sharkskin, dinner jackets, they were transformed from their usual singlets and loose cotton trousers. They greeted us, smiling and murmuring in the wordless language used everywhere when a common tongue is not known.

As soon as the awkwardness wore off, to the clash of cymbals and cries outside, a glass filled to the brim with brandy suddenly appeared at our elbows—and the meal had begun. It went on for several hours—endless dishes of unrecognisable delicacies. One,

which appeared to be a rare preparation of chicken, turned out to be baby octopus.

The frolic whirled. Everyone sweated, drank too much, and expanded with festivity. At intervals we sat on the shaky balcony behind the wire for the coloured lights and watched the opera. By midnight there was as much drink left in half-filled glasses and discarded bottles to supply an average evening party anywhere.

Somehow we struggled home by the light of a lantern, through the palm grove and past the duck pond, through the hummocks of mud cones thrown up by the crabs and on to the sand-bar. The wind sighed in the palms and a yellow glow above a black shape showed where a junk slid silently by on the sea.

Some slim sampans passed in the creek, the water whispering and chuckling under their bows. Peace seemed perfect.

NEXT morning the village appeared as unruffled as before. The opera elapsed on, regularly reaching its dramatic climaxes with a sudden rattle and crash and rolling of eyes. The fishing fleet came in. The dealers bargained over the heaps of octopus and sting-rays lying in the mud. Ahmet hopped and ran over the mangrove roots to look at his crab traps. The police station brooded over the jetty. Boxing Day was still an omen of peace and timeless custom.

That afternoon we heard that, acting on information received, the police from Singapore had stopped a truck from the village and had discovered half a ton of opium. Perhaps that, too, was part of the custom.

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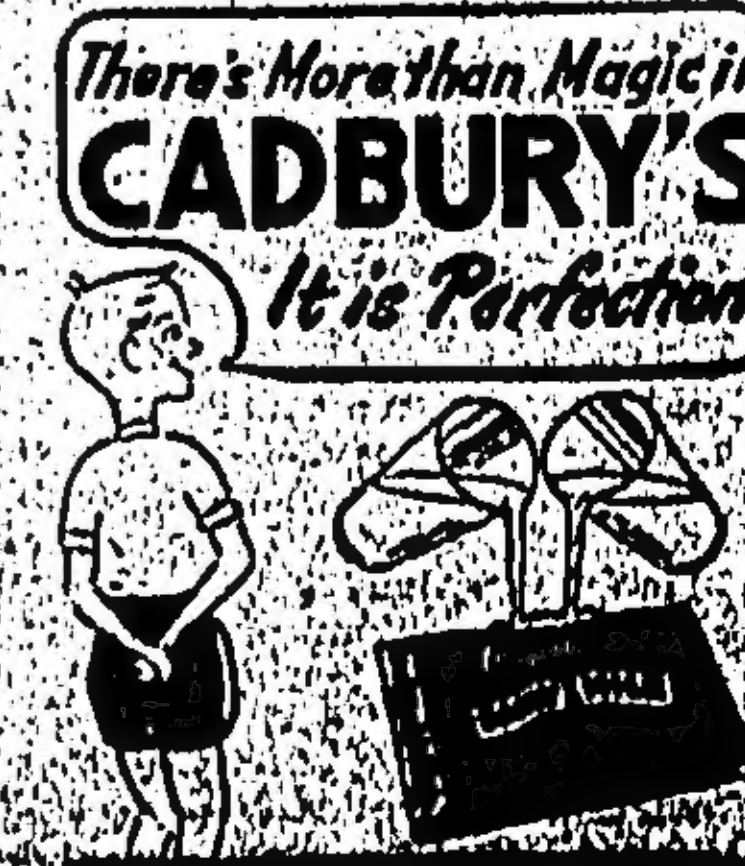
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

U.S. ON THE PUSH-BUTTON-CAR STANDARD FOR CHRISTMAS

SUDDENLY it is Christmas. A little premature, perhaps, but then Americans like to be ahead in everything.

The long line of Christmas trees which marches down Park Avenue was lit this week as the master switch was pressed, and choristers sang outside the famous Red Brick Church.

Appropriately, snow began to fall just before the ceremony, and the city is garlanded in white.

The lights are being left on in skyscraper offices to form huge crosses, and all the department stores have been decked with Christmas wreaths, figurines, angels, elves, and goblins.

The most spectacular Christmas show is as usual in Rockefeller Plaza.

The promenade is lined with giant red and white candy-canes built on a carpet of coloured lights and leading to the mammoth tree, which looks as if it is decorated with last year's rainbow balloons.

1957 models

THIS is the "Great Automobile Christmas."

After 16 years the National Automobile Show has returned, and the new auditorium here, the Coliseum at Columbus Circle, is packed with people looking at the 1957 cars on parade.

The show is two-tiered, power-steered, power-braked, and power-airconditioned. There are 124 examples of U.S.-made motor cars on display.

I went there and found the Coliseum more crowded than any of the great Fifth Avenue stores — Saks Fifth Avenue, Bonwit Teller, Bergdorf Goodman, Best's, Lord and Taylor.

THERE'S PLENTY OF PETROL AND FREE SERVICE, TOO

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The latest Detroit model is longer, wider, lower, and costlier. It has even more chromium plating than before and sports jet-type rear fins. Europeans might consider some of the models in doubtful taste.

Almost everything is push-button controlled. There are electrically operated door locks, power-vented windows, six-way power seats, and, of course, push-button transmission.

The symbol

THE motor car is the badge-bearer and backbone of America's industrial civilisation. It is the symbol of American affluence and power and never has it been glossier and more dazzling.

On the first day of the show \$123,000 worth of cars was sold.

There is, as you probably know, no petrol shortage here. The highest gasoline price is around 2s. 3d. a gallon. In New York it is only 1s. 10d., in New Jersey and in Texas it is as low as 1s. 6d.

There's so much petrol, and oil around that there has been a price war in Texas. In the outer areas of New York State many garages offer free lubrication and washing to the customer who buys ten gallons of petrol.

America will be on wheels this Christmas is never better. There are 52,000,000 cars on American roads this year, and every one in three people, including children, owns an automobile.

The moguls of the motor car trade, Harlow Curtice of Gen-

eral Motors, Henry Ford, and Walter Chrysler, expect to sell more than 6,000,000 vehicles next year.

In the streets the shopping boom is considerable and sustained, but the usual last-minute rush is expected.

Women customers outnumber the men by about six to one, although there are special "men only" shopping departments.

At some stores you can hire a girl to do all your shopping for you and then deliver the time-wrapped presents to your apartment or hotel room.

On a tour I saw three-quarter-length chinchilla coats from Maximilian, costing \$2,495, moccasins of mink from \$1,071 to \$3,213.

There are tiny flacons of perfume costing as much as \$50; rhinestone-trimmed cashmere coats for poolside and duchesse; jewellery that ranges from \$35,000 star diamonds to 3s. "juck" gems.

Spectacular

THE most spectacular jewel of the show is a mammoth diamond held by a golden angel in the window of Tiffany's.

The city is melodious with the sound of carols pealing from amplifiers in the department stores, and the chiming of church bells.

St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas's Church are drawing crowds as big as any of the stores along Fifth Avenue, now known as the platinum-plated Midway.

The Eisenhower-Dulles policy of being cool to Britain, and France has been abandoned after six weeks, and there is a positive compulsion here to pour out several million dollars to Europe.

Some Americans say: "Perhaps it is to save our conscience."

Eisenhower wants to give Nixon a raise, but Dulles wants to give or lend; but Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey would like to balance his budget.

Pickets out

ONLY over at the United Nations, known sardonically as the divided nations, have I found the Christmas spirit lacking.

There are no Christmas decorations so far in the big glass building. Because of the diversity of religions among the delegations no formal celebration of the birth of Christ is planned.

There are groups of angry pickets outside the U.N. headquarters, as there are outside

the Russian and Egyptian headquarters on Park Avenue.

The outstanding feature of the U.N. today is that it is turning brown. The Coloured in the General Assembly of the 79 nations outnumber the White.

The delegates of the West, the big and handsome Cabo Lodge Junior, the slim Sir Pierson Dixon, who looks like the late Leslie Howard, the burly Sir Leslie Munro from New Zealand, Sir Percy Spender of Australia, and their advisers, are swamped by the tide from Asia and Africa and South America.

I find Broadway much more stimulating than the U.N. lower Times Square is no bright you would think it was on fire, and 42nd Street blazing like the Strip at Las Vegas.

Ethel Merman, who belts out a song like a stevedore, is the latest hit in "Happy Hunting." I don't think Ethel has had a flop in a quarter of a century, at least in comedy.

The Old Vic company is playing to packed audiences, and "My Fair Lady" will probably run for ever.

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ACROSS ANTARCTICA: THE SECOND PHASE

By Christine Ross

UNDER the leadership of Dr Vivian Fuchs, the main party of the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition is now on the high seas in the motor vessel Magda Dan, headed for Vahsel Bay. This marks the beginning of the second stage of the three-year programme for crossing the Antarctic continent from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea via the South Pole.

The first stage began in November 1956 when the Expedition sailed for the Antarctic in the Theron, and established a base near Vahsel Bay which Dr Fuchs named "Shackleton," in memory of the explorer who, as early as 1914, made a heroic but unsuccessful attempt on the 2,000-mile crossing.

When the rest of the Expedition returned to London to prepare for the next stage in the long and arduous programme, in which everything foreseeable must be planned down to the last detail, eight men remained behind to prepare the base for the return of the main party in the new year of 1957. In addition, they had an exacting meteorological programme, radio communications to maintain, ground and air reconnaissance to carry out, and the huskies to feed and tend.

A Storm

BUT before they had time to remove all the stores and equipment to the base site, a storm broke up the sea-ice so that it drifted away, taking with it a tractor, much equipment, all the coal and 145 barrels of petrol and paraffin.

The loss of the fuel left the eight men very much at the mercy of the intense cold which, on at least one occasion, reached minus 63 degrees Fahrenheit. Their long vigil has been spent by day in a large, coloured packing tent, and by night in two-man beds.

The huskies, on which the success of the final stage could depend, do not share the discomfort of the men who look



Dr Vivian Fuchs (right) and Sir Edmund Hillary discuss the route to be taken by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

after them, for they are housed in snow tunnels well below the surface, where the temperature remains fairly steady at 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

On May 4 the sun set for the dreary Antarctic winter, and to rise again until mid-August, and ceaselessly the wind blew, sweeping great drifts of snow over their improvised hut, and uttering the face of the landscape almost nightly.

Three Stages

BUT in spite of all these hardships, the eight men have succeeded in accomplishing much of what they set out to do, and Dr Fuchs has recently said that if the Expedition is successful in crossing the Antarctic continent the men of the advance party will have made it possible.

The second phase of the enterprise will begin when the Magda Dan reaches Shackleton base about the middle of January 1957. Time is all important in the Antarctic in the winter season, between winter and winter. That is why the crossing of the continent is being done in three stages, spread over three years.

The main hut and the large transmitter will probably have been built before the arrival of the Magda Dan, and the first part of the route to the south coast will be established by air and dog sledges. The next step will be to establish another base, 300 miles to the south—Depot 300—as the first jumping-off place for the crossing. Here, three or four men will be left for the winter to carry out maintenance work. They will be

completely isolated, except for radio communication.

The rest of the Expedition will winter at Shackleton, preparing for the 2,000-mile journey straight across the continent by way of the South Pole. This must be accomplished in four months if they are to get clear of the Ross Sea before another winter closes in. And into this all too short period intensive scientific investigations and research must be fitted.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand support party, led by Sir Edmund Hillary, left Wellington this week in the New Zealand naval vessel Endeavour for the McMurdo Sound on the Ross Sea. There they will establish Scott Base and another depot 300 miles nearer to the Pole. The crossing party will have depots covering the first and last 300 miles of the journey. But for the rest of the 2,000 miles they must be self-sufficient.

Joining Up

IT is hoped that Dr Fuchs' party and that of Sir Edmund Hillary will meet somewhere in the region of Mount Albert, Markham, on or about New Year's Day 1958. After that they will join up and travel together to Scott Base, through New Zealand's Ross Dependency, arriving about the third week in February. If all goes according to plan, there the winter party will embark without delay for New Zealand, which has been the point of departure and return for the known expedition.

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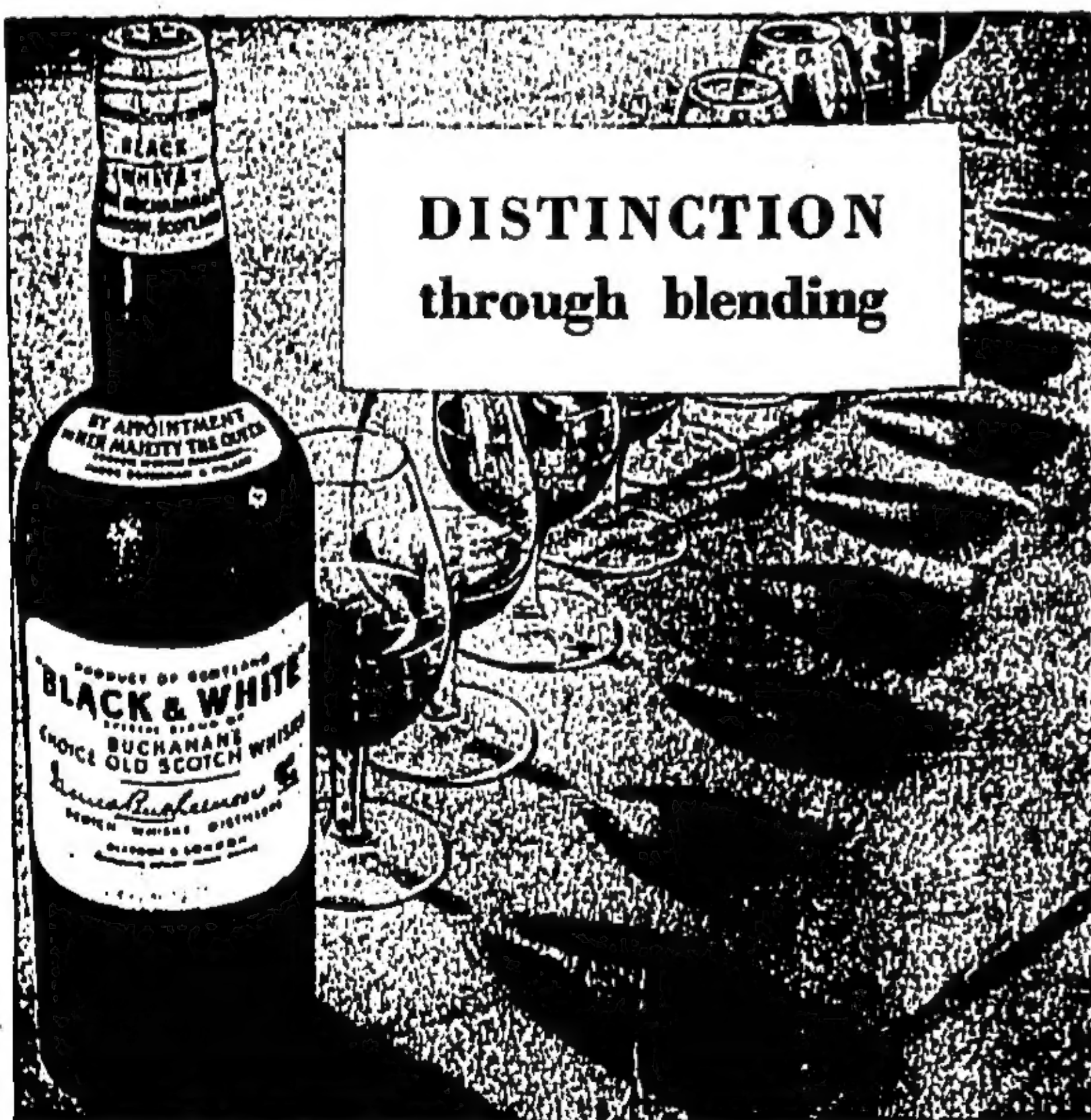
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DORE SCHARY
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THE abdication last week - end under pressure of 51-year-old Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production chief Dore Schary marks the end of the second generation of Hollywood monarchy.

The first rulers had been the glove salesmen and the fur importers who claimed the throne when the film business was still part of the fun-fair and the penny arcade.

They were men like 83-year-old Adolph Zukor, who is now only the nominal head of Paramount Pictures. And 74-year-old Samuel Goldwyn, once the middle initial in M-G-M, now a multi-millionaire independent producer.

Succeeding to their warm but uncomfortable seats were the young tycoons, who came of age as the creative workers inside the studios.

Intrigued by these sounds of battle, I called on Dore

New York Last week they made him walk the plank but they cushioned his fall with a sack of dollars.

The man who went to California in 1932 as a \$25 a week script writer was given \$70,000 and \$35,000 a year for the next 10 years.

But the secret that no one whispered in public was that the utmost speed was necessary because M-G-M's top-heavy castle was ripe for a take-over bid by powerful interests outside the U.S.

"There are still residual, or to put it better, vestigial remains of that world. I should say that Zanuck was the last of the big potentates. By the time I got to the top, the age of dictators was almost over."

"The stars and the independents have the whip hand now."

I suggested that it was the money men at M-G-M who seemed to be wielding the whip last week.

"I don't really want to go into all that. When I've finished reading the book I throw it away. But I'll tell you this! I don't say I would have planned to leave in exactly this way. But I was going to go when my contract was up at the end of 1957 whatever happened."

With the same money to spend in 10 years?

Schary for a moment sounded rather tetchy. "Sure, sure. Look, M-G-M only gave me what they owed me. It was all in my contract and I have not left the place with anything that was not rightfully mine."

"I've never worried about losing a job in my life. Don't put me down as one of those type-theory born, executive types. I had no ambition, no inclination to climb into the boss's chair when I went to Hollywood. All the jobs came to me out of a blue sky. I took them because I thought they would be fun."

ALAN BRIEN
reports from
NEW YORK



STRANGE NEW HOME

By **GEORGE HOGAN**

THE British home of the future is likely to set the pace for efficiency and automation — and this within the next decade — if a model house opened in Manchester by the Northwestern Electricity Board is a reliable indication. There is no reason why it should not be, provided manufacturers go ahead with developing the ideas and can keep the costs low enough to encourage installations.

The model house is assembled in the Electricity Board's service centre and some of the gadgets are still on test. Others, however, are already in production and some are quite startling as labour-savers. For instance a television set can be switched on to enable Mum to see what the children are up to in any room in the house, what the dog is doing in the garden, or who is ringing the front door bell.

NO WAITING

There is a vegetable sink where the uncooked food is cleaned automatically by water jets. When the meal is over an automatic washer-up soaks the crockery and there is no special apron for the man of the house. There is, of course, the usual electric washing machine, but there is also a new, inside drier for washing day. No more lines in the garden, no waiting for the weather to clear.

There is also in this house of efficiency — this dream palace that is possible within 10 years — a trouble-free system of floor heating, or, if you prefer, if you could install your own electrically heated wallpaper.

Yes, those young daughters who today are just starting out for the infant school are going to show their old Mums something in a few years' time. There is only one snag, a very remote one let us hope. With-out their mothers' training in "making do" in these lean, efficient days just what will happen should the electricity, perchance, fail.

Back inside the house a flick of a switch lights up the "visaphone" and the person speaking at the other end of the telephone can be clearly seen. Horrored Mum with bedraggled hair and with arms covered in flour and raisins, forlornly hopes the caller has not bothered to press her switch.

Maybe this is a false picture of the days to come, for in the electronic kitchen there is a cake mixing machine which does the work cleanly in a jiffy. The cake slips into a spotless oven and is cooked by high frequency microwaves in six minutes, a snack takes only three, and a large turkey less than an hour.

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GIGANTIC BATTLE

BUT the last few months have seen these new sovereigns on the cinema tople as well. Twentieth Century Fox, Paramount, Columbia and this week M-G-M, have all lost their greying boy-geniuses.

The businessmen in the grey flannel suits once more have their fingers firmly on the keys of the adding machine.

M-G-M is still the world's biggest film-making factory and the battle for its control was probably the most gigantic in Hollywood's history.

The various brokers, bankers and investment trusts who owned the lion's share of the M-G-M Lion were all united on one indictment — that the company's profits had steadily decreased since 1950.

These financial interests held Schary responsible, as production chief during the last eight years, for not making enough box-office films.

Schary at the apartment on the 31st floor of the lush Hotel Pierre in New York.

Dore (short for Isidoro) Schary is a tall, gangling man with a toothy yoked grin and a rosy polished nose which looks as if it has come out of a Christmas bran tub.

I asked him if he would elaborate on the short and guarded handout which was all he had so far communicated to the Press.

Schary chooses his words carefully like a sign-writer tracing his message in complicated Gothic script.

"Hollywood no longer exists," he dictated slowly, lying on his back on the couch with his ploughboy feet on the glass-topped table, "as a generic term. When I went through there 24 years ago it really was like a corrupt medieval court. A college of cardinals, intriguing in Technicolour. They had their palace guards, they had their favourites who could do no wrong."

"Life was a continual struggle for power and behind it all lurked that emotional insecurity that comes from too high rewards."

WRITING POETRY

I SAID that I knew he spent his years leisure at M-G-M in campaigning for the Democrats, running community affairs, lecturing to schools, writing poetry.

But I would bet that he never just mooned about vaguely for hours like me.

"That's not so. I can sit around and do nothing, but I put my mind to it and I've always got home to dinner. My wife and I never became part of the smart swimming pool set."

Finally, I asked the man who since 1948 had been Mr. Hollywood whether he had any regrets that he was now only Mr. Schary.

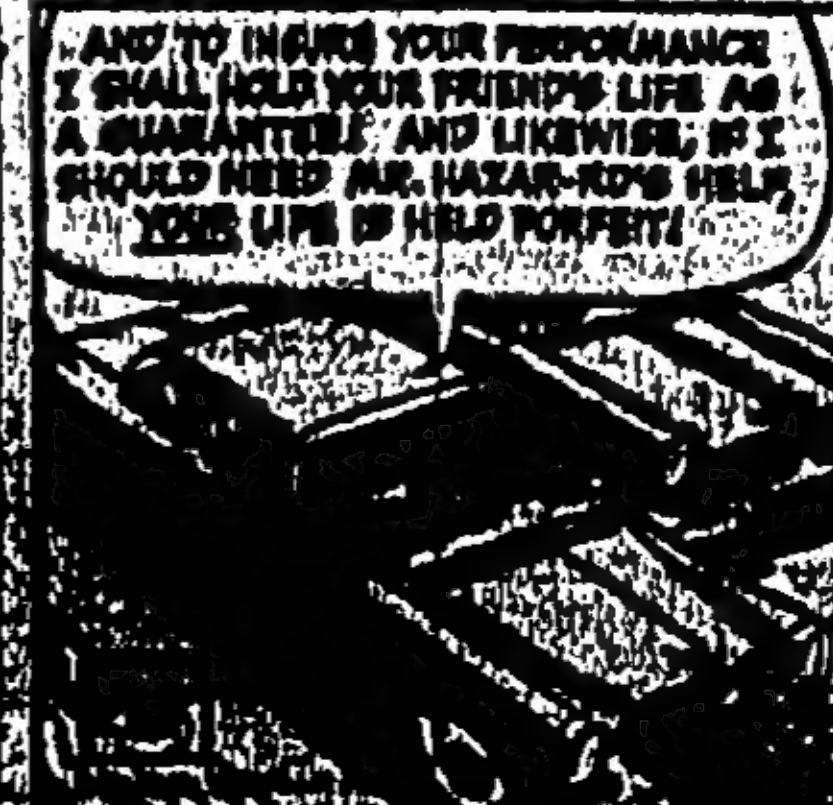
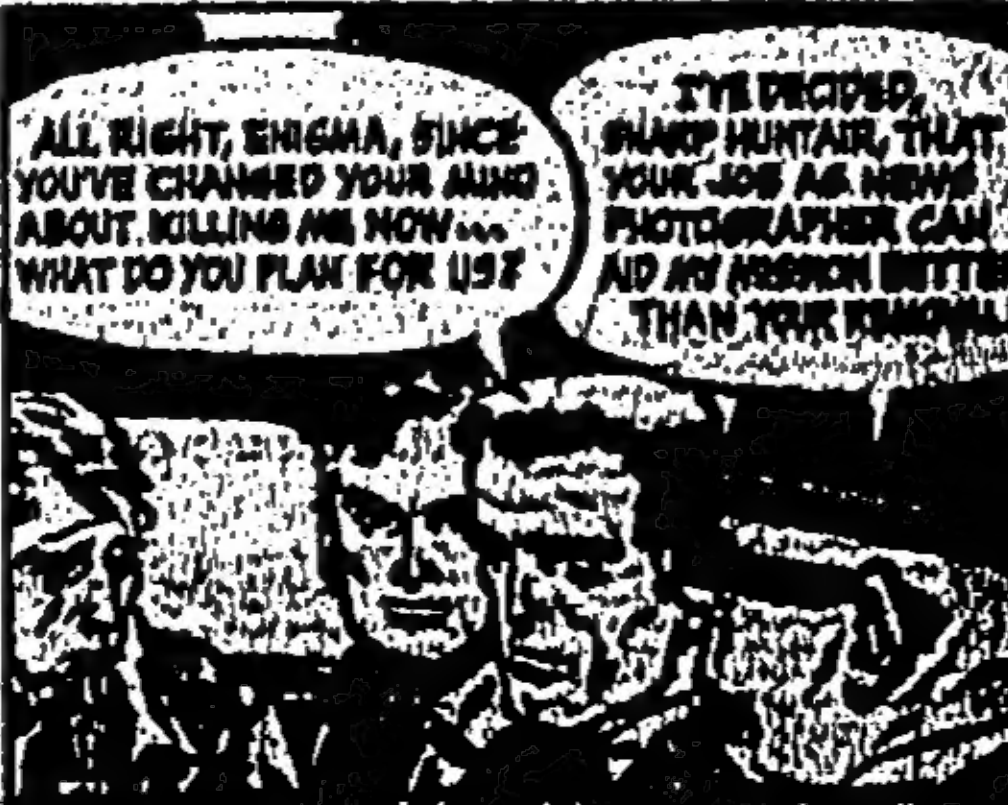
He repeated to me the advice that David Selznick gave him when M-G-M first invited him to take over production.

"Take the offer, even if you only last six months. At least you'll always be able to say, 'I ran the joint.'"

They are words that no other single man will now ever be able to say about M-G-M's great empire at Culver City.

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JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

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By HAZEL MEYRICK

London. IT'S the success of the season—the dress that looks like becoming the classic uniform for Christmas party-going: the skintight black sheath with the scoop neckline, trimmed under the bosom, Empire-style with the gigantic black bow.

You'll see dozens of these dresses around, mostly in black velvet, but what will make them different in the way their owners treat them. Like the girl, for instance, who wears her black dress under a duster coat of heavy silver satin, or rose red pout. Like the girl who sparks it off with a monster rhinestone clip on the shoulder, or dramatizes it with a deep green mohair stole, lined with clashing green satin. Like the girl who wears her dress plain, her hair-style slick—but focusses attention on her pretty feet by pinning diamond earrings onto her black suede party pumps. Like the woman who knows that old black-velvet-plus-pearls trick never fails—and fills in the neckline with all the ropes of pearls she can lay her hands on. Those are the people whose little black dresses will mean something at Christmas parties.

The woman who wants to be remembered this Christmas will choose for party-going, one of the new semi-long dresses. To wear one of these draped, near ankle-length creations needs, above all things, a perfect figure, perfect poise—and a good dose of courage. If she can carry it off, she'll look more than up-to-the-minute, all the other women in the room will hate her—and feel dowdy and out of date.

Variations of the draped cocktail dress are already around. There's one, for instance, in gunmetal nylon chiffon, sold complete with a rose pink stole. Another designer has brought out a series of little chiffon party dresses, topped by brocade coats which are lined in matching chiffon ruffled like a theatre curtain.

For the woman who likes an easy, understated way of dressing that makes everyone else feel as over-decorated as a Christmas tree, there is, for informal cocktail parties, a simply-cut dress in snow-white tweed, with a full stiffened skirt which can be

dressed up with a string of rhinestones wound round her wrist, or a gilt chain belt to catch in the waistline.

Another calculatedly casual choice for parties, culled from Horrocks' cotton collection is the dress in heavy white marcella pique (that woven cotton that grandma liked for bedspreads) used for a perfectly plain, full-skirted dress cinched at the waist with a narrow gold belt, plus matching kid sandals—or topped by a party stole of pink and white stripes, edged with coarse white cotton fringing.

For more formal datelines there is the two-in-one idea of a simple coat of coffee-coloured organza, belted in coffee leather, worn over a strapless dress of white stiffened pout. This is a good way, incidentally, of making-over last year's party dress. If you've a lace one that needs livening up, top it with a redingote of matching coarse tulle, caught in at the waist with a satin cummerbund.

Look out for the return of the little puff sleeve to the party scene. It's confined, at the moment, to widely cut theatre coats, or used to give a pure silk shirt-waist dress a new look, but Dior showed it in his ready-to-wear collection, and it's catching on like wild fire. You may see puff sleeves around this Christmas, worn by the few who like to be first with the news, sleeves cut like Christmas crackers, stiffened by crinkle nylon interlinings, to dramatise a perfectly plain party dress and make it look different from the next one.

Dear Father, Christmas... This year I do NOT want... useful and acceptable gifts: a duster is still a duster, even if it is only dressed as a doll, complete with silky smile and dish-cloth skirt.

Small, "good" pieces of jewellery, which might help if I patronised the pawnbroker, but do nothing for my appearance. So throw away that pin-sized diamond, give me instead an enormous dress ring, a fake stone in a fake setting that looks so audacious it might be real.

Box-loads of cosmetics in the wrong shade: If you don't know my colouring by now, I'd rather have a gift token.

Those pretty, fussy little scarves that would half-strangle me if I tied them round my throat. I'd rather have half a yard of snow-white organdie to



A new-length cocktail dress in fine jersey, draped 'My Fair Lady' style, by Susan Small.

All in the neckline of my best plain white handkerchiefs... a black suit.

If you must give me something useful, I wouldn't say no to a really generous number of

Care For Sparkling Table Linens

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOW is the time to plan your table decorations for the big feast, and other holiday parties—occasions that require a nice degree of formality.

Critical eyes will be cast on the best table linen, whether the table covering is rich damask, beautiful lace, or a fragile openwork spread.

Laundrying table linens is really an art, but not a difficult one to learn. To begin with, the secret of keeping white cottons and linens dazzling white is to use plenty of hot water and a second washing in fresh soapuds before rinsing. Most tablecloths can be washed safely by machine, providing they're not tossed in with a lot of dirty laundry.

Wash linen cloths separately, since they have a tendency to pick up a good deal of lint if mixed in with cottons. Delicate organdies are best washed by hand, the buds gently squeezed through the fine fabric. So are lace and openwork cloths, but some of the sturdier varieties can be put through the machine if you tuck them inside a mesh bag, so fragile strands won't snag and break in contact with other laundry items.

Another ounce of protection is laundering small items such as doilies in a "hand washer"—a capped jar full of soapuds in which delicate pieces can be thoroughly shaken until all the soil floats out, with no wear and tear on the threads.

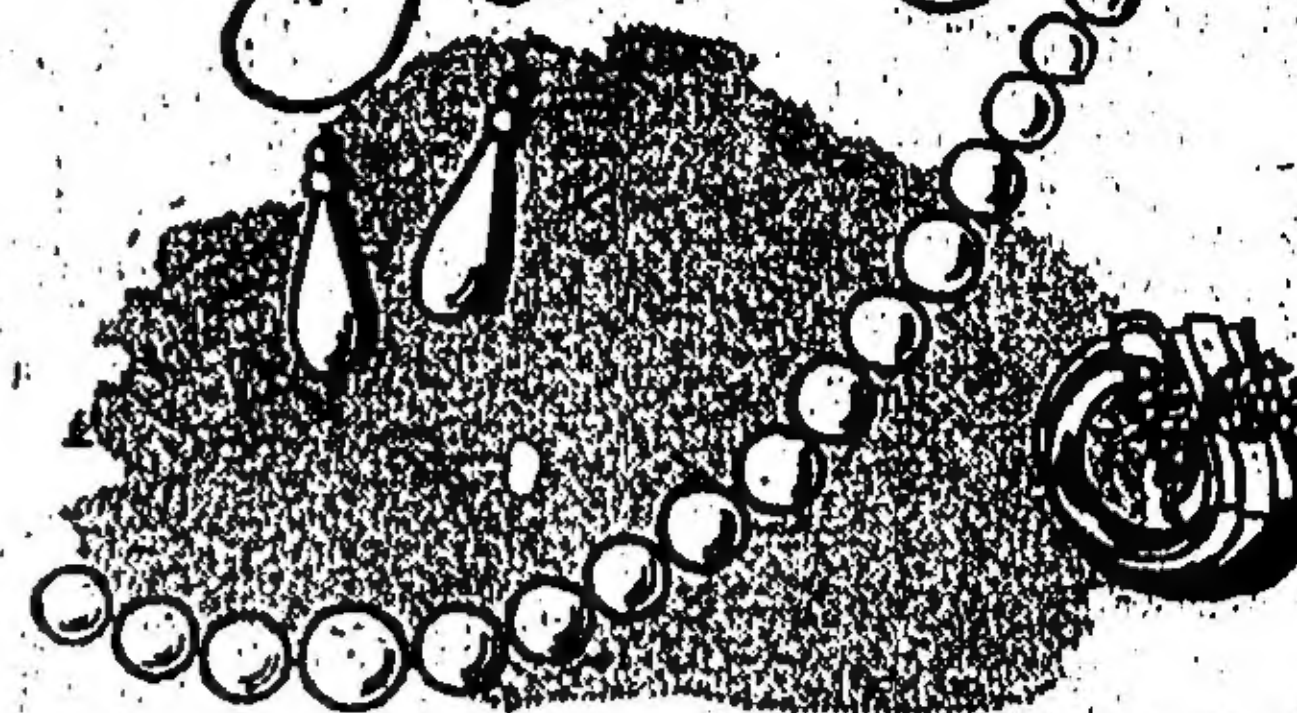
If white cloths seem less snowy white than they should be—usually because of infrequent use—you might borrow an idea from women in the tropics. They have their own bleaching method—wetting and soaping linens and hanging them in the sun to dry. Then when dry the cloths are soap-and-water laundered again in the usual manner.

If you are buying new linens, it is a good notion to wash the factory finish out as soon as you get them home. This will keep them from yellowing, if you don't use them immediately.

Mealtime stains are not the hazards to fine linens some women think they are. Most stains—tea, coffee, wine, and fruit—need no pre-treating if the stained places are washed before the main meal. Use a little rubbing alcohol, if necessary, on white or colourfast pieces. But be sure to rinse off (telephone to a gallon of water) the soap wash water before you put the

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RIGHT: Mr and Mrs C. J. Norman with their baby daughter who was christened Kirsty Moana at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



MR Con O'Neill, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, snapped at Kai Tak Airport with Mrs O'Neill. He passed through Hongkong on his way to Singapore to attend the regular annual conference of British Far Eastern Administrators. (Staff Photographer)

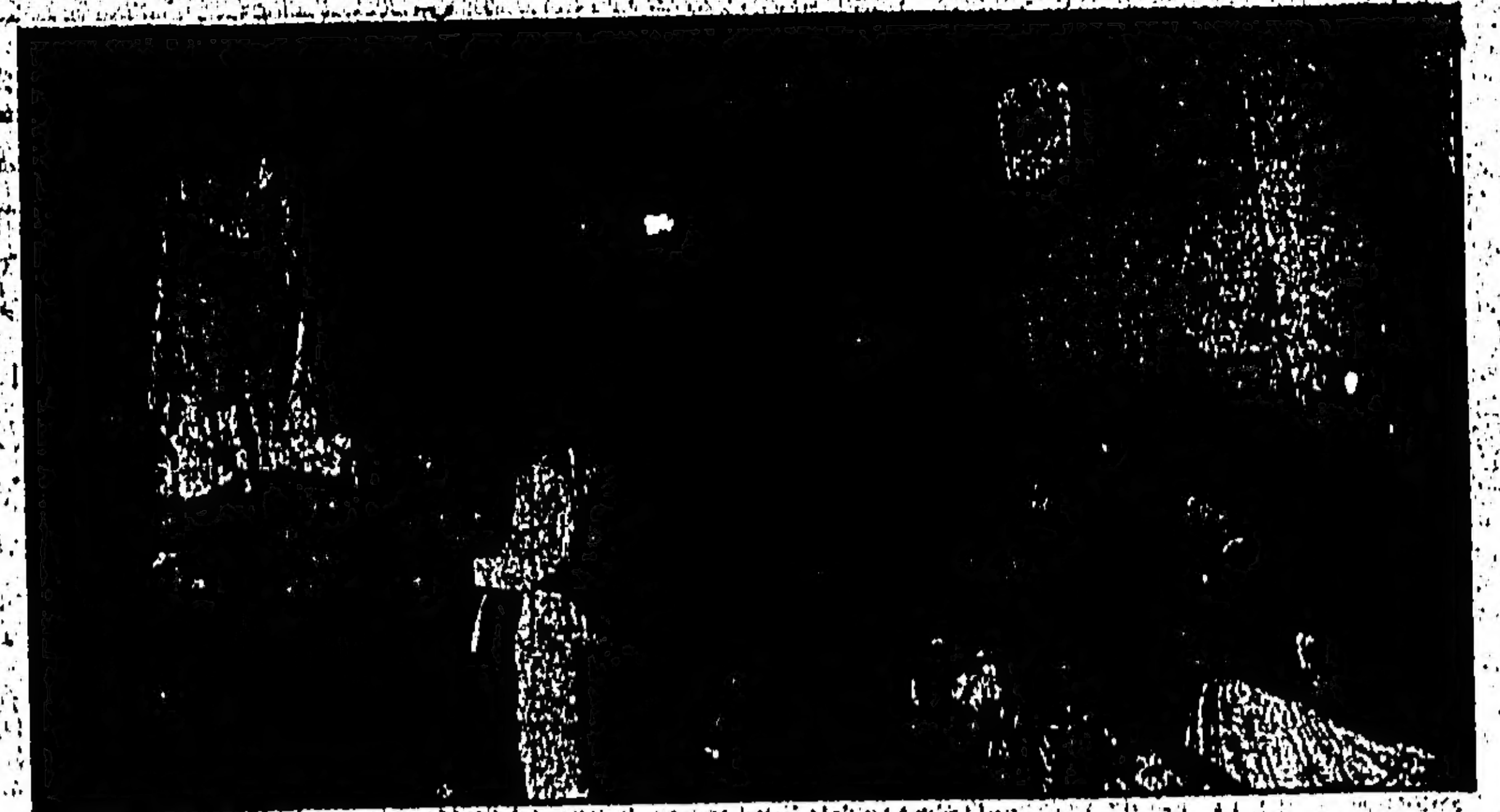


TABLEAU re-enacting the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe by the Latin-American Association on her Feast Day at St Teresa's Church last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: The Hongkong Concert Orchestra playing at their Christmas concert at the Ritz. The conductor is Mr Victor Ardy. Seasonal atmosphere was provided by a large illuminated tree and Father Christmas. (Staff Photographer)



THE Diocesan Girls' School's presentation of "The Surprise," by G. K. Chesterton, won the first prize in the Senior English Section of the Inter-Schools Dramatic Competition. Amy Chong (second from left) won the Individual Prize. (Staff Photographer)



WEDDING of Mr David James Roads and Miss Maria Pacita Francisco at the Registry, Supreme Court. The bridegroom is a correspondent of the Associated Press in Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)

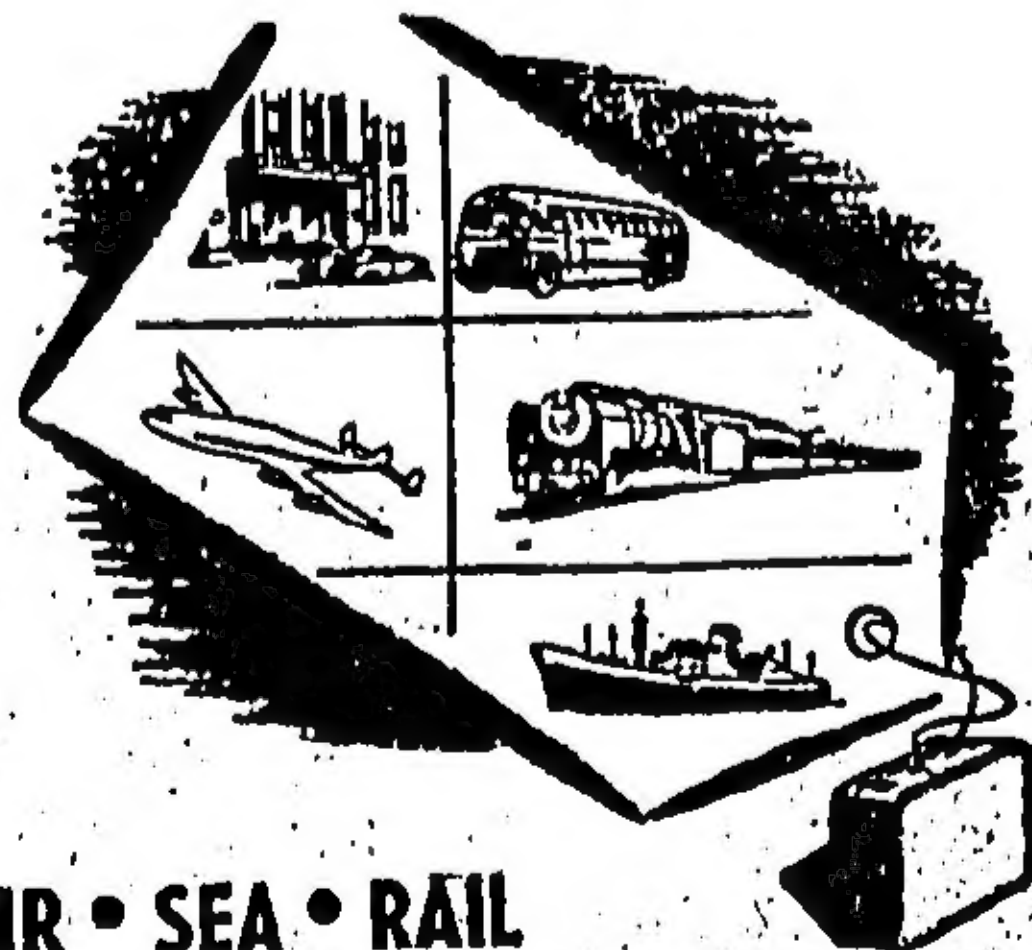


PICTURE taken at the wedding last week of Mr David Yee, Headmaster of Eton English College, and Miss Mary Lee. (Staff Photographer)



AT a reception held for delegates attending the 4th Asian YMCA Leaders' Conference, held here last week, the Secretary-General of the World Alliance of YMCAs, Dr Paul M. Lambert (left), pins a badge of honour on Dr Lam Chi-hung, a former President of the Hongkong YMCA. (Staff Photographer)

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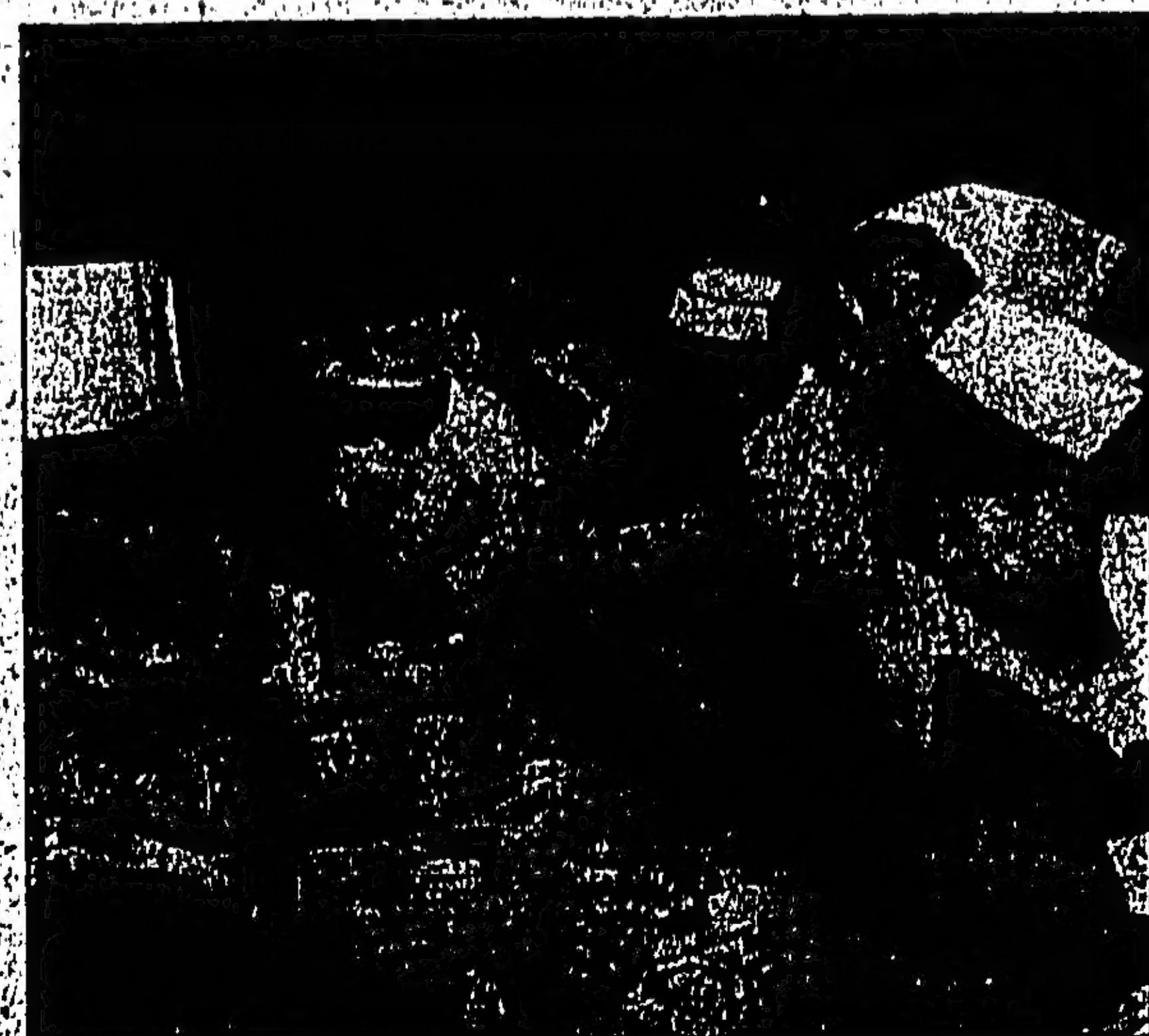
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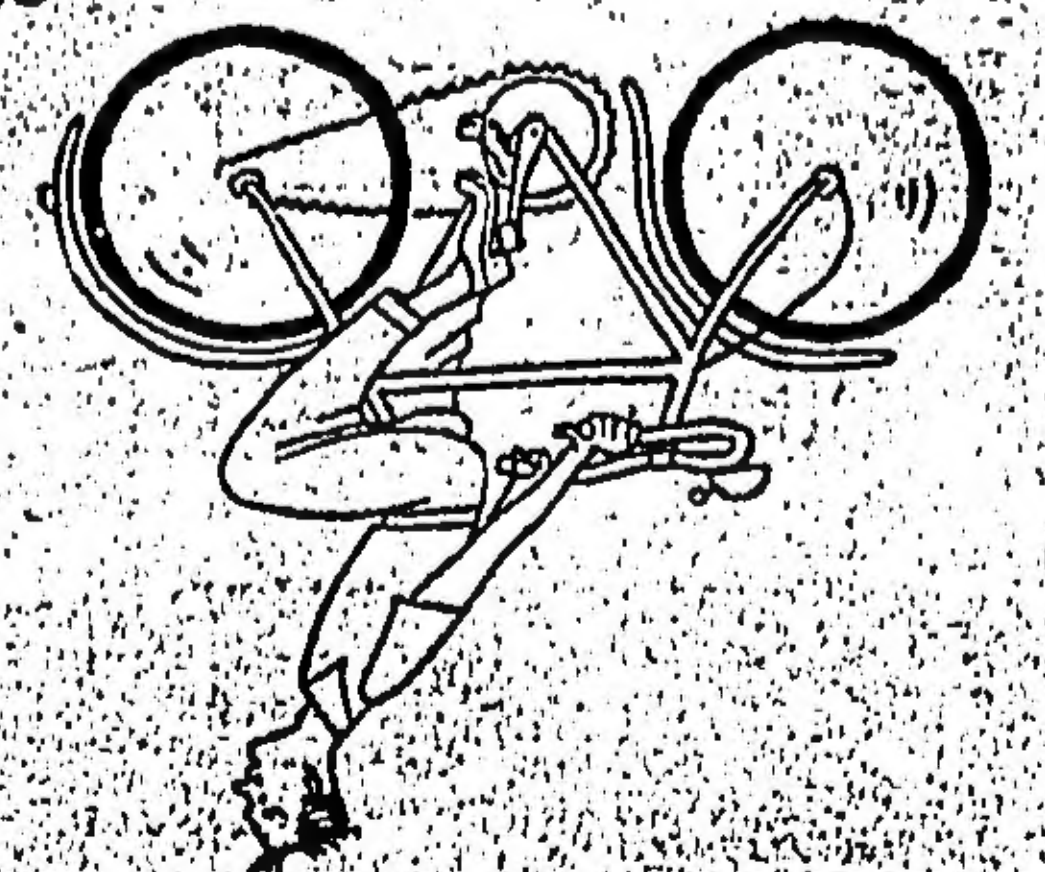
MR W. A. Walling, President of the Amateur Boxing Association, presenting the prize for winning the light middleweight bout to L/Sgt. Dickenson after the tournament at the Southern Playground last week. (Staff Photographer)



CHILDREN at the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital enjoying themselves at the Christmas party organised by the British Red Cross Society. The kiddies also received gifts of toys and sweets. (Staff Photographer)

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WEDDING group at the Peninsula Hotel last Saturday. The bride, Dr Rita Lo, daughter of the Hon. Sir Man-kam and Lady Lo, was married to Dr Rudy Khoo. Lady Grantham attended the reception, and is seated third from left. (Staff Photographer)



ON the steps of St. Stephen's Church, Mr. and Mrs. Michael H.K. Pang pose for photographs with relatives and friends. The bride was Miss Eva Mok. (Staff Photographer)



AT the annual dinner of the Mainland Area Officers' Mess, St John Ambulance Brigade. From left: Mr Fung Ping-fan, Brigade Commissioner, Mr H. F. Shields, Area Commissioner, and the Hon. M. W. Turner, Chairman of the St John Council of Hongkong. (Staff Photographer)



On his tour of inspection of the Shaikwan Centre and Creche of the Society for the Protection of Children, which he opened last week, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, stops to amuse one of the babies taken care of there. (Staff Photographer)



CHILDREN of Royden House Junior School as they appeared in one of the items of their annual Christmas concert, staged at St John's Cathedral Hall. (Staff Photographer)



MISS Laura Mae Jackson serving the youngsters at the Christmas party for poor children organized by the Ladies' Guild of the Union Church, Kennedy Road. (Staff Photographer)

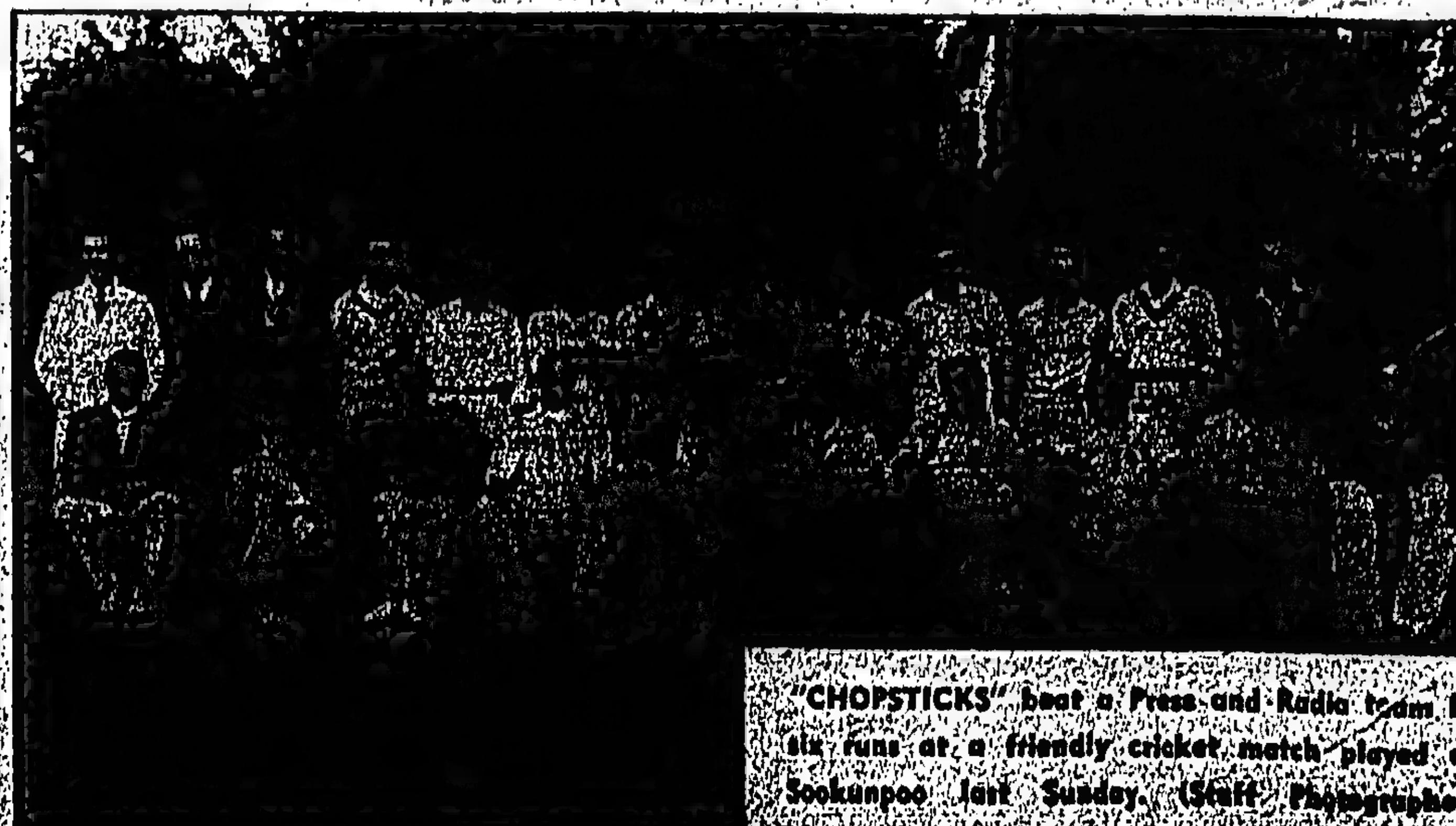
RIGHT: Students of St George's School in a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which they presented to a large audience at 33 General Hospital. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: A toast to the President of the Pharmaceutical Society, Mr. L.A.E. Leong (seated), at the Society's eighth annual dinner, held at the Golden City Restaurant. (Staff Photographer)



THE buffet line at the annual dinner dance of the Skol Club, which was held at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. (Staff Photographer)



"CHOPSTICKS" beat a Press and Radio team by six runs at a friendly cricket match played at Soekampoo last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)

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Christian Archibald Herter: Dulles' New Assistant

THE MAN WITH THE CONSTANT SMILE

By LES ARMOUR

CHRISTIAN HERTER has a passion for facts. His political speeches tend to astound his audiences. They sound like reports prepared by a competent research librarian.

If the facts won't speak for themselves, Herter prefers to remain silent.

In fact, of course, this passion is deceptive. The facts have to be selected before they will speak for themselves, and you have to have opinions to select facts.

Herter appears to select his facts on the basis of a small, compact group of political preconceptions. One of them is that government ought to be restricted to the minimum necessary to ensure that no one has an unfair advantage over another, to create a framework of essential community services, and to secure the peace.

Another is that government ought never to represent any single interest or group of interests within the community. He has never evinced support of business or of labour, and he would probably repudiate such support if it were offered to him.

SHREWD

THESE preconceptions are further tempered by a shrewd judgment of what will work and what will not.

For instance, when he became Governor of Massachusetts four years ago, he discriminated, particularly in hotels and restaurants, was life. It was estimated that 35 percent of hotels and resorts practised some form of discrimination.

Herter determined to clean them up. But he realised the legal snags in any legislation; a hotel or a restaurant can always plead that it is simply "full up."

The legislation passed not only made discrimination illegal over a wide area ranging from employment to hotel accommodation. It also set up a commission which was empowered both to conduct investigations into allegations and to hold informal hearings to determine the facts. Only when the commission had failed to stop the offences could they be tried in court.

In all, there have been more than 1,000 investigations. Only two have reached the hearing stage and none has gone to court.

Investigators report that discrimination is virtually extinct in the State.

ELECTED

DOMESTIC politics, however, have never been Herter's major interest. He was born in Paris in 1895, the son of two professional artists and the grandson of an architect who had gone to America in 1848 and made himself a millionaire before he was thirty. In 1901, Christian was sent home to live with his uncle, the head of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, so that he could receive an American education.

At 20, he graduated with honours from Harvard, and went on to Columbia to study architecture. He was persuaded, however, to leave Columbia and take a job in the American Embassy in Berlin.

Shortly afterwards (in 1917, when he was 22) he was transferred to Belgium as Acting Minister. From there, he was sent home on the eve of the US entry into the war.

On his return to the US, he joined the Army but, after three months, the Army obligingly returned him to the State Department. The State Department sent him to Switzerland to look after prisoner of war problems.

At the end of the war, he was still in Europe and he served on the US delegation to the peace conference, and then went to work for the European Reconstruction Corporation.

Herbert Hoover—then Secretary of Commerce—brought him home as a special assistant, and he stayed in Washington until 1925 when he left public life to edit a literary weekly.

In 1935, he had married Caroline Pratt, heiress to a large slice of the Standard Oil fortune, thereby making doubly sure that he need not fear financial difficulties.

Journalism, however, did not satisfy him for long. He had had a taste of government, and he came from New England's plutocracy, a group accustomed to govern.

After a year lecturing at Harvard on international law, he contested a State election in 1931 and was elected representative for Boston's Back Bay district.

GOVERNOR

TEN years later, he was elected to Congress and, by 1947, had won enough national acclaim to be voted one of the five top Congressmen by a poll of 250 newspaper editors.

It was, in fact, as a Congressman that he first made his name. At the end of the Second World War he was appointed chairman of a committee to find out how the US could help Europe without damaging its own economy.

He led 19 Congressmen on a fact-finding tour, in the course of which he collected millions of words of evidence from governments, opposition political parties, labour leaders, businessmen and foreign economists.

He insisted that his committee men refrain from political activity while they were in Europe, and he believed the best test of getting all the facts he needed without attracting public attention or stirring up any political feuds.

His fear all during the investigation was that the question of aid would become a subject for political squabbles before the public and press, and that a public emotion was whipped up, the isolationists against the liberals.

day. If so, there would either be too little aid for Europe or, perhaps, worse—the wrong kind of aid.

In this case, the facts did eventually speak for themselves, and it is largely thanks to Herter that US aid programmes have been as successful and have made as few enemies as they have.

Unfortunately, one of the results of Herter's tactics was that he himself appeared as a colourless character who almost seemed to have a distaste for political activity.

It was not until 1952, when he was one of the original promoters of the Eisenhower-for-President campaign, that he began political battling with a will.

After Eisenhower's nomination, he was persuaded to run for State Governor—a seemingly hopeless task, since Massachusetts had not had a Republican Governor since 1924.

He did get elected—but by a small majority and after a long, uphill fight.

Practical politics at first seemed almost too much for him. He ran into a wave of labour trouble, and invoked a State law allowing the State to take over strike-bound public services, and to break a gas strike, an electricity strike and a milk strike.

He also ran into heavy weather over McCarthyism.

McCarthyites were strong in the State, and Herter was forced to compromise. He came out strongly against suspected Communists who pleaded the Fifth Amendment and its nearly identical equivalent in the State Constitution, and sacked anyone in the State service who took refuge in them.

At the same time, he largely squashed a State smear campaign and insisted on high standards of evidence.

The result was that he was not entirely popular with the McCarthyites, and he also made powerful enemies on the other side, such as Harvard's President Nathan Pusey.

To make friends of his enemies, he raised the standards of the State's social services and launched a campaign to bring industry to the State—a campaign which has solved at least part of the State's chronic unemployment problem.

In 1954, he was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

CHANCES

A THIRD term, however, did not appeal to him. He has had his fill of State politics and he has been angling for a Federal job.

Had Eisenhower stepped down, he might have been a strong candidate for the Presidential nomination—though his chronic arthritis, his religion (he is a Roman Catholic), and his birthplace (he may be con-

SPOTLIGHT ON A MIDDLE EAST TROUBLE-MAKER:

THE MAN WHO MIXES LOVE WITH HATE

By RENE MacCOLL

MOSCOW'S No. 1 trouble-maker in this angry, troubled, and often frightened part of the world we call the Middle East, is a foppish man in his mid-forties.

He sports a black Hitler-type moustache, has the ghost of a nervous facial tic, and answers to the name of Khaled Bagdash.

The tie used to be a lot worse, and Bagdash—a vain man who loves to boast of his successes with women—was acutely aware of it.

So when, in 1953, he spent long months in the Soviet Union being groomed for his present role, his Russian

masters, as a mark of their appreciation, gave him a free operation to correct it.

The operation, by one of Russia's best neuro-surgeons, almost did the trick—but not quite.

Bagdash is easily the most important Red in the Middle East. While the noisy Left-wing leader Colonel Abdul Hamid Surraji struts about in Syria and administers that country at the head of a military junta, it is Bagdash who is the real power behind him.

BOY SCOUTS

Bagdash is who receives regular couriers from his Moscow masters, who direct the unending stream of poison propaganda which pours out of Damascus radio and bids fair to rival Cairo radio.

Bagdash is who calls the moves—and who has even organised troops of Boy Scouts and Red-dominated "youth football clubs," not only in Syria but in next door Lebanon.

He has been married—to Wissal Farha, once head of the women's section of the joint Syria-Lebanon Communist Party. But he rarely let his marriage interfere with his amorous exploits.

For years he had to go "underground," always on the run and never daring to stay more than a night or so in any one place.

Now he is trusted by Moscow to an astonishing extent, and is officially regarded by the Soviets as their supervisory director-general, with jurisdiction over the Communist faithful in Jordan and Egypt as well as Syria and Lebanon.

PRESTIGE

He has much prestige in the Kremlin because he was one of Communism's first "field men" to grasp that the right method of capturing the Asian nations was the classic popular-front approach.

At first he agreed that Communists should rigorously isolate themselves from the despised Socialists and moderate Left-wingers.

But then came the switch-over, and by 1953 Bagdash was writing in the Communist Journal: "We Arabs have but one path, and that is a broad, rational front which must unite the workers, peasants, and middle strata of the urban population."

By 1954 the on-the-run days of Bagdash were so far behind that he was elected to the Syrian Parliament and quickly became a member of its important foreign affairs committee.

Technically, Communism is forbidden in Syria, but Bagdash, tongue in cheek, says virtuously that he is a member of the People's National Unionist Party.

Cloaked in parliamentary immunity he travels far and addresses scores of meetings.

BELIEF

HE is also an adept politician. He must have been tempted by Harold Stassen's attempt to nominate him for the Vice-Presidency (though Stassen seems to have forgotten that Herter's eldest son is Nixon's chief assistant) but he realised that it was better to make friends than enemies if you want to get things done.

And he does want to get things done. He firmly believes that the US has a chance to secure world peace and prosperity, and that it can be done by offering help and advice at the right times in the right places rather than by brute force.

Dulles will probably give him his head. At 61, with his four children grown up, he has nothing to lose whatever happens. Hence the almost constant smile.

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Preceding the Queen's Christmas message, at 10 p.m., listeners can hear what has become a traditional feature of Christmas Day programmes — the Commonwealth radio link-up.

The theme and title, "Voices Out of the Air," have been taken from the first Royal Christmas message, twenty-four years ago, when His Majesty King George V referred to the possibilities broadcasting offered to link his people in closer union.

Christmas Round the Ships—At 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, commentator John Wallace will be talking to men on board Her Majesty's Ships in port this Christmas, and will play the music they request.

A cart concert is being broadcast from Queen's College at 9.15 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, and will be conducted by Dr. L. T. Hild, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University. The Band of the Hongkong Police will play in the concert under the direction of Mr. W. B. Foster.

On Wednesday, at 10.45 a.m., Leslie Palmer will play "Three Christmas Pieces" by Liszt. It will be the first time this gifted pianist has broadcast over Radio Hongkong.

"The Year of the Phoenix" is a characteristic interpretation of the Nativity story told in verse, and will be on the air at 9.15 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

On Wednesday, December 26, at 4 p.m., you can hear a local cast in "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas," a radio fantasy by Norman Corwin. This was first heard last Christmas.

Association Football: John Wallace will be on the air at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, for the Kwong Wah versus R.M.B. match at Caroline Hill Stadium, and again at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, for the match between Sing Tao and Eastern at the Club Stadium.

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7.15 LIGHT MUSIC.
7.30 NEWS SUMMARY.
7.45 TOP OF THE MORN.
8.00 TIME SIGNAL, NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND DIARY FOR TODAY.
8.10 SWEET AND SWING.
8.30 CLOSE DOWN.

9.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.

9.45 JOURNEY INTO MELODY.

1.00 TIME SIGNAL.

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1.30 LUNCHEON MUSIC (George Melachrino and his Orchestra).

2.00 "JUST FOR YOU"—LISTENERS' REQUESTS (Presented by Sherry Crook).

2.30 A LIFE OF BLISS (Written by Geoffrey Harrison. Produced by Leslie Bridgmont).

3.00 FORCES' CHOICE (Presented by Raymond Coshan).

4.00 LIGHT CLASSICAL FAVOURITES (Philharmonia Orchestra cond. by Herbert von Karajan).

4.30 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL (Kwong Wah v. K.M.B. Commentary by John Wallace from Caroline Hill).

5.05 TRIO SHIMMER (Vocal with Orchestra. Cond. by D.D. Costa).

5.30 "LA DANZA" HOLLYWOOD BOWL SYMPHONY (Conducted by Carmen Dragon).

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6.15 TIME REQUESTS (Presented by Leslie Bridgmont).

6.30 WEATHER REPORT.

7.00 TIME SIGNAL.

7.15 CO-OPERATION OR STOP PRESS ITEM.

Sunday

10.00 a.m. TIME SIGNAL, PROGRAMME SUMMARY, NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPORTS RESULTS.

10.15 MORNING MELODY (Percy Faith and his Orchestra).

10.30 MUSIC FOR YOU (Eric Robinson and his Concert Orchestra with Marina de Gaborian).

11.00 RELAY OF THE VIGIL (Relay of the Vigil. Father P. J. Hoverson, S.J.).

11.15 MUSICAL MOMENTS (Arthur Robinson (Piano)).

11.30 FAVOURITES (Philharmonia Orchestra cond. by Herbert von Karajan).

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8.30 HOME REQUESTS (Presented by Sherry Crook).

8.45 CO-OPERATION OR STOP PRESS ITEM.

1.15 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1.30 HONGKONG CONCERT ORCHESTRA (Conducted by Victor Ardy).

2.00 VARIETY HIGHLIGHTS (Standing on the Corner; Ivory Tower; Rock Island Line; Happy Whirl; A Tree Fall; Innamorato; To Love Again; Eddie; My Love; Church Bells may Ring; Poor People of Paris; Bygones (Debut); Swan Lake (Tchaikovsky); The Nutcracker (Tchaikovsky); The Four Angels featuring Judy Lynn and Paul Dean).

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Rugby
1st Division: Kwong Wah v ICMB (Club) 3.00 p.m.; Police v Kowloon (R.S.) 3.30 p.m.
2nd Division: R.A.F. v Club (Navy) 2 p.m.
3rd Division: Jardine v H.A.M.C. (Navy) 2 p.m.
4th Division: Hollandia v R.I. (Navy) 2 p.m.
Junior Shield: R.M.D. v Bellerose (Club) 1.45 p.m.; Gymnasium v R.M.E. (Club) 1.45 p.m.; R.A.F. v Wan v A.F.R. (Navy) 3.30 p.m.; Tai Koo v Dodwell (Navy) 3.30 p.m.; Telephone v C.N.B. (Navy) 3.30 p.m.

Cricket
1st Division: Scorpions v Army North, R.A.F. v K.C.C.

Hockey
Ladies League: Bellerose v Kings (K.P.) 4 p.m.; Greenhills v Victoria (R.S.) 4 p.m.; Bellerose v A v K.G.V. (R.S.) 2.30 p.m.

Rugby
Hexangular Tournament: Army North v Army South (R.S.) 3 p.m.; Club v R.A.F. (Club) 4.15 p.m.; Navy v Police (Club) 3 p.m.

Lawn Bowls
K.C.C. Mixed Wapitiaw, 2.30 p.m.

Athletics
Queen Elizabeth School Annual Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill 4 p.m.

Temptation
Resisted

When it is remembered that Leeds United have consistently refused £30,000 plus for their giant Welsh International John Charles it says much for their supporters that they have resisted the temptation. They averaged less than 24,000 "guineas" when winning promotion last season, and there has been no noticeable improvement in Division One. That transfer bait bonus large when Leeds report a loss on last season of £3,000 (without buying any players).

THIS AFTERNOON'S RUGGER
CLUB v. RAF SHOULD BE
THE BEST OF TODAY'S
FOUR MATCHES

Says "PAK LO"

There are three Hexangular Rugby Tournament games this afternoon, and every one of these promises to be a thriller. On the Club ground at 3.00 p.m., the Police, at long last back to full strength, take on the Navy XV, well packed with the stalwarts from the Kanieri.

At 4.15 p.m., on the same ground, the Club are at home to the RAF and this may easily turn out to be the best match of the afternoon.

The clash between the two Army sides also looks good but for one defect. No one in authority is certain where this game will be played. The game was switched without the permission of the HKRU to Sek Kong, but the HKRU, feeling strongly about the whole affair, since they can see no advantage in switching to Sek Kong, have written to the Army stating that the game must be played at Boundary Street.

At time of going to press, there is no definite news of just where the game will be played, but since it is almost too late now for the Army to inform all their players of yet another switch, I presume, it will be at Sek Kong, in which case the time to kick-off is fixed for 3.30 p.m.

The Club "B" are also once more going into action against the Kanieri "B", this time on the Happy Valley ground at 3.15 p.m.

THE ARMY GAME
In the Army game only Army North has made any changes

from last week and that at wing forward where Johnson replaces Jones. Both have fairly strong backs, but Army South have Barker as hooker and so should get a slightly larger share of the ball than the Northerners.

Army South's halves and three were excellent last week-end, but that was against weak opposition and they will not get away with it this week.

The centres still do not feed their wings enough, and, in comparison, the Army North's three are much stronger and their handling better.

The latter did not shine greatly against the RAF's forward rushes last week, but as this is not likely to be a feature of today's game they should settle down well.

The Army North pack is slightly faster in the loose than the Southerners, but Green cannot afford to look away, for he must get possession of the ball in the loose to give his three a chance.

On the whole, a very even game. A draw, since these seem to be so common nowadays, being by no means out of the question, but I prefer the Army North to take the two Hexangular points.

POLICE v. NAVY

In the Police-Navy game, the Police are much happier than they have been for some time with the long-awaited return of their star half, Lewis, who after only a few games early in the season, when he showed decided promise, was injured and has been a spectator ever since.

Scott also returns after an injury, and the only question is whether these two are fit enough to take their places. Certainly if they are the Police are at full strength for Lloyd, after a week's absence, returns as outside half, and the policemen's chances look a lot rosier than they have done for some time.

The Navy have lost both Spencer and McDougal, their two outstanding Kanieri wing three, and in the whole three line only Newton of the Kanieri remains. Lloyd having taken over from Budge, while Spencer and McDougal are replaced by Edge and Flag respectively.

This, therefore, is a weaker three line than that which faced the Club, and though they have very sensibly retained Bakalan and Corner as the halves, the Navy three will, I venture to predict, not be such an outstanding success today.

There are only four Kanieries in the forwards, which is a little surprising. Most surprising is the inclusion of Stevens who has not been a success in his appearances so far.

His reputation appears to be greater than his skill and the Police forwards, who are with-out doubt the strong link in the Police chain, may upset the Navy.

The Navy should, on the other hand, get a good supply of the ball from the scrums while the Police will get it from the lineouts.

But although there are invariably more lineouts than set scrums the potential of the Police halves is not so great, since they have not played together for such a long time, and the Navy should win by a small margin. An upset here is also by no means an impossibility.

CLUB v. RAF

In the last major game the Club take the field still without Whitley and Langley. The former, with two broken bones in his wrist, may not be seen again this season, but Langley should be back next week.

There is one change in the Club three, with Valentine

being dropped in favour of Lloyd. Lloyd is not so fast as Valentine, nor does he have the odd spell of brilliant play, but he is very steady and has the one attribute that Valentine seems to have lost lately, to wit, a safe pair of hands.

The Club three therefore should settle down again and should improve on their record. The Club pack, with Millar and Wright to the fore, should dominate the lineouts and the Club pack is very dangerous in the loose.

The Alrmen, on the other hand, definitely rely on their forwards, for their three vary greatly in ability, with the centres being the most dangerous, especially with the return of Fraser from the Philippines. Incidentally, this is Fraser's last game in the Colony as he is leaving on December 29 for the U.K.

This game, therefore, should develop into a forward battle and the Club appear to have a slight edge in the forwards and with their backs moving better than win, but again the margin will be small, and an upset is well within bounds.

In the minor game there is no doubt the winners. Kanieri "B" seem to be the stronger side, and as the Club "B" are weak on one wing in defence the Kanieri should win comfortably. It will be interesting to see how Valentine makes out in the unusual position of outside-half behind the latest Club must player, but the Club "B" pack has not settled down and against the heavy, fast and robust play of the Kanieri "B" they should lose.

The Kanieri "A" took on the RAF at Kai Tak on Wednesday and beat them by 20 points to 11 points. This was not perhaps the strongest side the RAF could field, as few of their players were absent, but it was almost as good as their best and the Kanieri seem to be sweeping all before them for the moment.

It is hoped that in the near future this column will be able to give you some definite news of the proposed Japanese tour, which has been hanging fire lately for unknown reasons, but negotiations are once again taking place.

Referees for today's games are:

Army North v Army South, Major Ledsham.
Navy v Police, Capt. Coles.
Club v. RAF, Mr. W. Allwright.
Club "B" v Kanieri "B", Mr. D. G. Batty.

TODAY'S TEAMS

Army South: Rintjes, Boorman, King, Riley, Owen-Smith, Thomas, Sharp, Cross, Barker, de Cordova, Robinson, Barber, Hodge, Philipps, Busby.

Army North: Pritchard, Wersley, Goulds, Wynn, Williams, Beynon, Turnbull, Crabbe, Southgate, Wilder, Mander, Herriott, Green, Haggard, Johnson.

Navy: Kay, Ende, Lloyd, Newton, Flag, Bakalan, Corner, Selwyn, Stevens, Harkess, Judd, Blake, Bond, Johnson.

Police: Johnston, O'Regan, Scott, Stevens, Reynolds, Lloyd, Lewis, Dunnelliffe, Cunningham, A. Miller, Forsythe, Brown, Walker, Ross, D. Miller.

Club: Roberts, Salter, A. N. O'Her, Lloyd, Stevens, O'Kelly, Steward, Williams, Meffan, Elliott, Millar, Carpenter, Penman, Wright, Gault.

RAF: Gray, Hope, Fraser, Cornah, Brown, Head, Macnamara, Spithwick, Wildman, Watt, Bennett, Chel, Moody-Jones, Weeks, Tabor, Club "B": Martin, Ingill, Hamill, R. Brown, MacCallum, Valentine, A. N. O'Her, New, Kilvert, Turner, A. Brown, Berger, Armstrong, Wright, Summers, King, P. Pringle, Tuna, Cochrane, Campbell, Wharepa, Tapale, Parker, Grantham, Graham, Newman, Winick, Allen, Ryan, O'Sullivan.

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The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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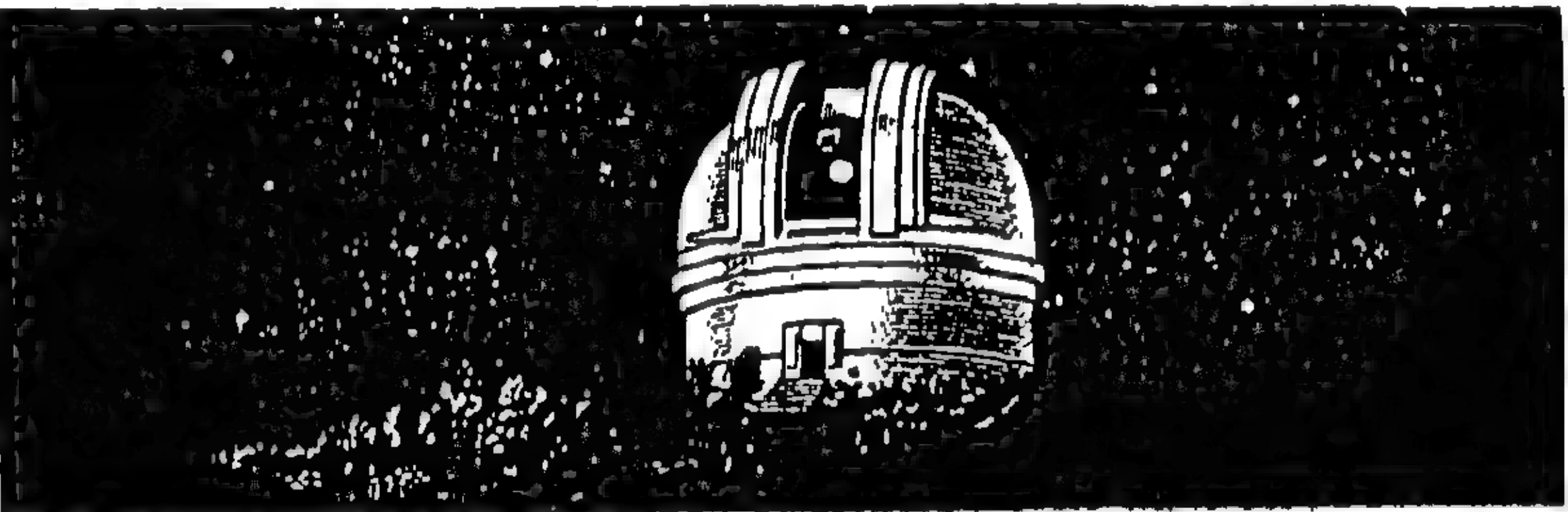
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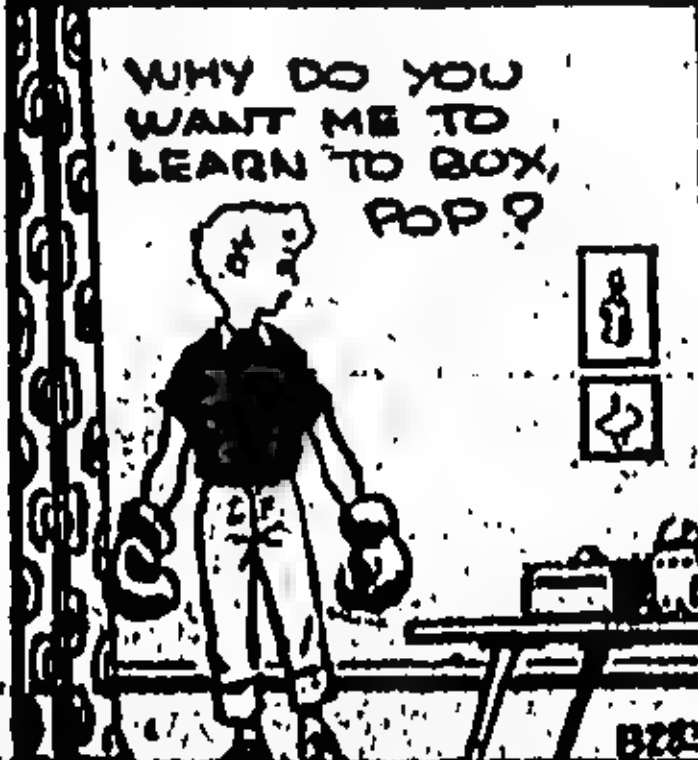


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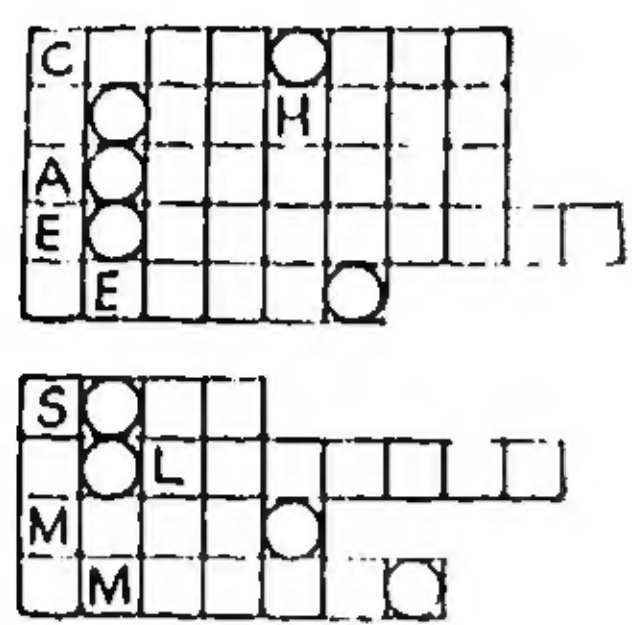
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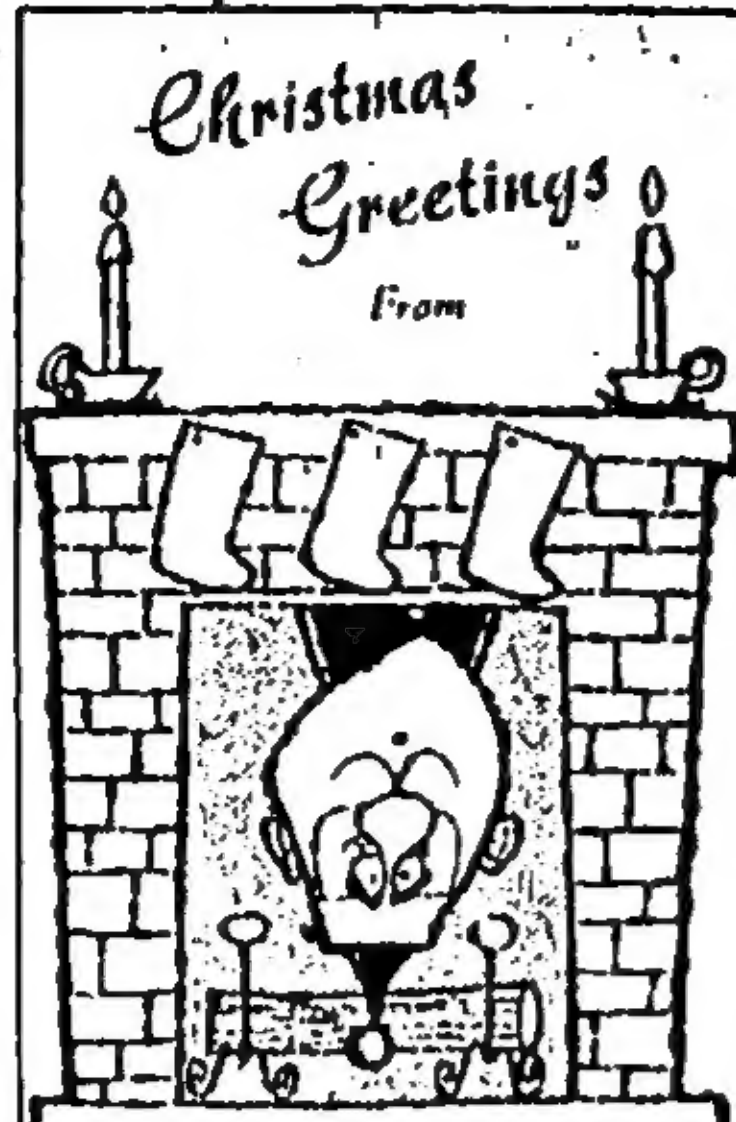
NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

- 1 Funny man
- 2 Merriment
- 3 Danish writer
- 4 Amuses
- 5 Fame
- 6 Parody
- 7 Famous Theatre
- 8 Dream character
- 9 Copy



Solution on Back Page



CATHAY PACIFIC

WHO WILL WIN THE CUP?

BEWARE OF BURNLEY AND BLACKPOOL

By DON REVIE

The FA Cup, they tell me, can hold nine pints of champagne. But whether it is full of bubbly or not, there is no doubt that it is the Cup that cheers.

As a member of a Cup-winning team I can tell you that immediately after the match at Wembley, players are so happy and exhausted by their efforts that they couldn't care less whether they had champagne or water from the Cup.

It's the thrill of winning which gives you that on top of the world champagne feeling. Why, the record books tell us that Lord Kinnaird, who later became President of the FA, actually stood on his head before the Oval pavilion when his team, Blantyre, won the Cup in 1882!

That's what the Cup does to you, and in these dull mid-winter days there is no doubt in the mills and factories, in the shipyards and offices, in the pubs and clubs of England you'll find football fans in their groups debating who will win the Cup.

What's your choice for Wembley winners this year? A general rule: the Cup-winners come from the top ten clubs of the First Division—but on that rocky road to Wembley there'll be a lot of smaller clubs who give this great competition all its colour and pageantry.

My feelings at the moment are: Beware of Burnley and Blackpool! Do I hear agonised shouts from the supporters of Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur? What about you boys?

PURISTS

We no man in his right mind would take the long, but I can't fancy them for two reasons.

1. Spurs and United are football purists. They play great football, but to win the Cup a team needs luck. As a general rule you find a team needs a bit of power play as was at Wembley. Very rarely does the finest team in the country win the Cup.

2. The early rounds are played on heavy pitches—and sometimes a First Division club has to play on a cramped Third Division pitch. These sort of conditions are against the Spurs and United styles. Remember how United crashed on a muddy pitch at Bristol last year; and now Spurs crashed the previous year at York? Now, United travel again to Third Division Huddersfield United—and they'll take some holding on their own ground.

I'm not overlooking Wolves either for the Cup, for they

have the sort of tough defence, allied with fast striking wingers like Harry Hooper, which pays dividends in Cup football. Yet so often Wolves have fallen on the last stages.

So I stick to my choice. Burnley because they are fast, neat and decisive, and they have such a variety of moves; Blackpool, even though they have a tough first hurdle at Bolton, because that man Matthews is capable of winning another Cup medal and his club have proved among the best Cup fighters since the war.

As a long shot I give you Manchester City—particularly if they come in with a late run like they did last season.

The Second Division clubs I fancy to give a few shocks to the elite of the First Division are Leicester City and Stoke City.

Leicester because here again they have a proud record in the Cup. They have a fast mobile attack and in Arthur Rowley they have one of the best managers in the game.

I think Leicester are going to provide one of the shocks of Round 3 by beating Spurs.

Stoke City are another fast and deadly side suited to Cup warfare. Built round the screening of Frank Bowyer they have happy goal grabbing forwards like Tommy King, Tim Coleman and Harry Osoff.

NON-LEAGUERS

And which of the Third Division teams are going to do the giant killing act? That's anybody's guess, for, make no mistake, once these clubs from the lower division get cracking they take some stopping.

I have a sneaking fancy for Hull City with that old Wembley warhorse, Stan Mortensen, playing the key part in their forward line. And from the south Reading may make a show, particularly as they have as manager Harry Johnston, formerly of Blackpool, and one of the finest Cup captains of all time.

But whatever happens from now till next May, nothing can dim the glory of the non-leaguers. New Brighton's great 2-1 victory over the 1948 Cup winners Derby County; Peterborough's win against Bradford; and Rhyl beating the Amateur Cup holders, Bishop Auckland.

The question the man on the terrace is always asking is: "Why can these non-League chaps shake the high and mighty in the League?" For the answer take a look at New Brighton, the Lancs, Combination team. Five of their men, Bill Haggie (ex-Wrexham and Accrington Stanley), Tommy Mycock (ex-Tranmere and Bradford City), John Devine (ex-Chester), Albert Burgess (ex-Bolton, Chester, Crystal Palace and York City) and Willie Windle (ex-Lincoln City and Chester), have, as you can see, played with League clubs.

ALL TO GAIN

Their experience makes them as good as many clubs still in League football. They have all to gain and nothing to lose—that's what makes them such difficult customers to beat.

And take it from me, a First Division club would far rather meet another First Division club in the Cup than take on one of these little unknowns.

We will have to wait until the New Year before these third round Cup ties will be played. Many clubs will go to great expense to take their boys to the seaside or some famous spa to get them toned up for these games.

Is training away from home a good thing or bad for the players? Well, Newcastle United won the Cup three times in five years, and almost invariably they took their players either to Blackpool or Buxton.

Speaking personally, I am against training away from normal surroundings. I think it tends to keep the players too keyed up at a time when they should be relaxed, but every one to their own point of view. Newcastle can point to their Cup wins and claim that their ideas pay off.

PARACHUTIST'S SUCCESS

When Sapper Fred Gray, now doing his National Service with No 4 Training Regt, RE, was a Territorial Army paratrooper he broke his leg making his fifteenth drop. On medical advice he gave up football with Cottingham Old Boys in the Hull Amateur League. The lure was too much, however, and in his "comeback" game he did the "hat trick" and led his team to a 5-4 win.

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THE GAMBOLS... by Barry Appleby



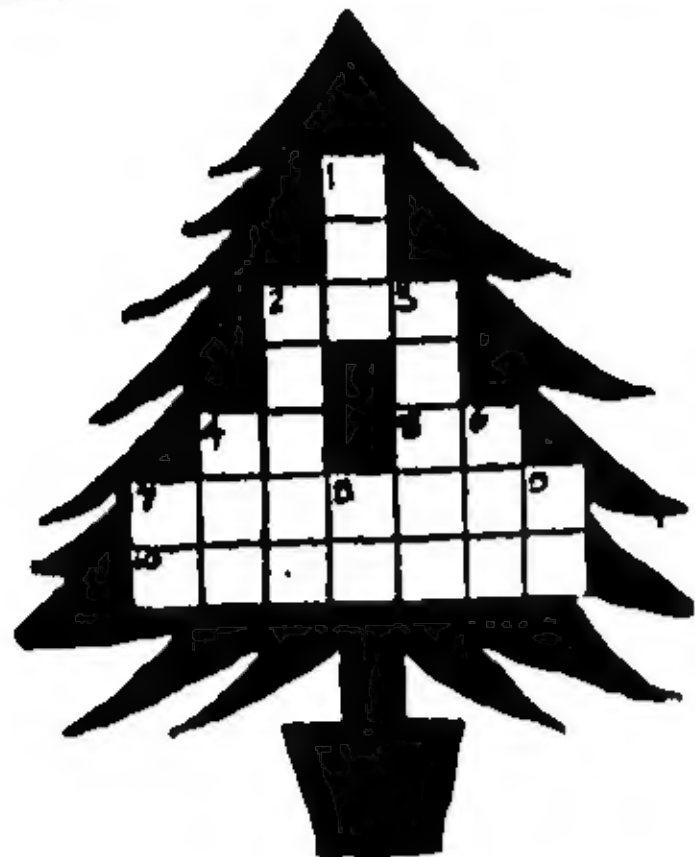
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Holiday Puzzles

CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Cartoonist Cal dressed up the crossword puzzle by placing it on the silhouette of a Christmas tree:



ACROSS
2 Christmas — is not far away
4 Palm lily
5 Boy's nickname
7 Indian sacred city
10 Flower

DOWN

1 Beverage
2 Accomplishing
3 Desire
4 Golf mound
6 Hawaiian wreath
7 Air rifle shot
8 Army order (abbr.)
9 South America (abbr.)

DIAMOND

The YULE LOG is associated with Christmas and makes a good centre for the word diamond. The second word is "a bucketlike vessel"; third "stories"; fifth "things on churches and altars"; and sixth "a distress signal".

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HIDDEN TOYS

Each of these sentences contains a hidden toy. Can you find them?
She had a shiny new silver dollar.
Rumble followed rumble during the storm.
Even in Spain beetles were not unknown.

CAROLS

THE NAMES OF eight well-known Christmas carols are hidden in the lines below. Can you pick them out?
Oh, the halls of Bethlehem town are silent. Sing, three little kings! We herald joy! Oh world, hark the woe of angels to Christmas night! Deck the Orient tree.

CHRISTMAS REBUS

The Puzzlemaster has concealed four Christmas presents in his four-Christmas rebus. Find them by using the words and pictures to your best advantage.



(Solutions on Page 20)

Magic Touches Mousy

A SHORT STORY

By FERN SIMMS



NO one could possibly imagine what the little grey kitten wanted for Christmas — and no one could find out because the kitten couldn't speak to let anyone know.

Karen bent down and stroked the soft fur. "I wonder what you would like for Christmas, Mousy — if only you could tell me!"

"Would you like some fresh fish?" asked Georgie. The kitten licked her lips — but it wasn't what she really wanted.

Mousy purred because Karen petted her, not because she was content for there was really something that Mousy wanted very much.

"I guess it will never come true," she thought. "No one knows that I just don't want to be mousy — even if it were only for one day." She licked a grey paw and inspected it. "Grey," she murmured, "pale, drab and grey — and to add insult to injury, they call me 'Mousy'!"

She felt sorry for herself, but it wasn't easy to stay sad for too long, when everyone else was so gay. The children laughed and talked as they helped the grownups decorate the house with shiny dark green holly leaves with bright red berries. Everything smelled so nice — like a pine woods. Out in the kitchen there was a different kind of smell — all spicy and good. Mousy stayed close to the kitchen. It was so nice and warm with the oven going. Once in a while, a few spicy cookie crumbs would drop to the floor. Mmm!

Mousy hopped up on the window sill and looked out. My, it was starting to snow! The flakes looked soft and white. Karen opened the door and Mousy squeezed out to dance around in the snow. It wasn't wet and damp like cold rain.

What was that behind the hedge? She backed away. It was something orange or red. She'd better be careful!

A little orange face looked around the hedge. It was the Parkers' cat, Rusty. Mousy sighed. "What beautiful fur," she thought. "Oh, to look like that!"

Rusty swished his full tail and walked by proudly. "Fishcakes," muttered Mousy. "Show off."

Then she heard a flutter in the trees and looked up. It was Mr. Blue Jay displaying his fine blue feathers. "Thought he'd gone south with his old blue feathers," Mousy sneaked behind the hedge. When he comes down to get the bread crumbs that Karen throws out, I'll give him a real scare."

Mr. Jay swooped down for his food and Mousy leaped out. Mr. Jay was fast, though. He flew away, shrieking.

"Nasty old scariest cat — I mean scariest bird," muttered Mousy.

That night the kitten watched the children hang their stockings in front of the fireplace. Their eyes should have been sleepy, but they were bright and shiny, knowing what they would find the next day! Mousy was all eyes and ears, listening to the exciting talk about Christmas — the toys the children would get, the good food, the sound of the church bells. She lay waiting eagerly for Christmas Day, for this would be her first.

"I think Christmas is magic," sighed Karen.

Georgie nodded. "Let's hang a sock for Mousy. She can have this old one of mine."

Mousy watched fondly as the children she loved so much hung up a little red sock for her. It was very nice of them, even though she could never get what she really wanted. Surely there wouldn't be a new coat of fur for her in the sock. Rusty even for a day — that would satisfy her!

Mousy slept in front of the fireplace that night. She heard noises during the night and tried to open her sleepy eyes, but her eyelids felt so heavy that she just couldn't keep them open.

The sound of beautiful bells awakened Mousy. The church bells were ringing. This was the day — the day Karen called "Magic!" She wasn't awake long when she heard the quick steps of the children on the stairs. They hung up right to the fireplace. "They're blind!" cried Georgie, pointing to the socks.

Sure enough, they were. Mousy began to feel excited. She watched as the children happily spilled out the colourful toys.

"Here's yours, Mousy," Georgie turned the red sock upside down, and out rolled a blue ball, a toy mouse and a bright red ribbon.

"This is yours to wear," said Karen as she tied the bright red ribbon around Mousy's neck.

"It looks lovely, Mousy!" You look very Christmasy. Look in the mirror at yourself!"

Mousy looked. Sure, she was grey, but she looked more mousey than mousy with the red ribbon. She looked soft and gay, and indeed, very Christmasy. She was quite proud.

"She always looks cute, even without the red ribbon," said Georgie. Karen nodded. "That's because they love me," thought Mousy, feeling all warm and glowy.

"And now for the tree!" cried Georgie.

The tree was what Mousy was waiting to see. She had heard such wonderful things about it.

"Let's feed the birds before we see," suggested Karen. "It's their Christmas, too."

Mousy thought that was a good idea. She could show off a bit now in front of that old Parker cat and Mr. Blue Jay. She looked almost as pretty as they did today. In fact, she could give Mr. Jay a good scare.

Karen tossed a handful of cookie crumbs on the white carpet of snow.

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Jay!" she cried as the blue Jay swooped down. The kitten edged toward the open window — now was the time to scare the bird.

Mr. Jay looked up with his bright eyes, admiring Mousy's red bow and Mousy decided not to frighten Mr. Jay — let him enjoy his Christmas breakfast.

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Georgie laughed. "Look at Mousy! She sees herself in the balls!"

It was true — the ball was just like a mirror. The beautiful grey cat was she, Mousy! She wasn't grey! She moved over near a blue ball, and there she was again — bright blue!

Mousy went from ball to ball, sometimes green, sometimes silver. In each ball she looked more beautiful. Karen and Georgie came close to the tree now, too. All three looked at the beautiful tree, and dozens of shiny coloured shiny faces looked back at them.

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"Now for the tree," cried Georgie once again, as they headed toward the living room. When she first saw the tree, Mousy stood absolutely still. Never did she dream it would be so beautiful! Silver tinsel shimmered down, coloured lights and balls shone and danced. Imagine how it looked to a little grey kitten who loved colour so much.

Mousy sprang over to the tree, and swiftly shot out a little paw at one of the big red balls. It bounced back and forth. "What fun!" She waited for it to stop. She looked closely at the ball—why, there was something in it! It was a kitten — a bright red kitten! She put up a wet little nose to sniff at the strange kitten, and the red kitten did exactly the same thing. Mousy remembered looking into the mirror! The cat in the mirror always did the same thing too.

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How Other Youth Trim Christmas Trees

By IRMA HEGEL

DO you want to give your Christmas tree an international touch this year? If you do, you can gain this result by borrowing ideas from several countries throughout the world.

In Japan, they hang coloured cards on their trees. You can make your own by copying a Japanese scene upon a small card and painting it with water colours. Chinese children hang paper lanterns on their trees. Construct your lantern by latching a square of coloured paper. Paste with gummed tape and add a handle.

From Europe we can take the German cookie and from France, the candy. Gum-drops lend themselves attractively to decoration ideas. The gum-drops are placed on toothpicks, either singly or in clusters, the more colours, the better. Lithuania boasts a straw bird cage. Simply take a handful of straw, press down until it bulges

Italian Stamp Pictures 'Flying Footballs'

THE rocketmen were there and the spaceship men were there and they all sat and talked about the possibility of a trip to the moon and back.



It was at the seventh International Astronautical Congress held in Rome recently — for which the Italian Post Office has issued this new stamp.

The president of the Congress, red-haired Frederick Durand, put things into a very sober focus. He said: "Space flight is at the same stage of development now as conventional flight in the days of the Wright Brothers."

Which meant that the rocketeers and spaceship men are only beginning to crawl. They were bold enough, however, to get to their feet and peer out into space.

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into a ball and tie securely at the top and bottom. Clip the top but leave a fringe of straw at the bottom. Take a stuff of cotton, affix a yellow paper bowl and paste a few feathers where the tail should be. Hang this bird on a string inside the cage.

Polish boys and girls wrap nuts in aluminium foil. You can do the same. Czechoslovakians like apples. If you want to make a Santa Claus from the apple, add a marshmallow head on a toothpick, a seal for a face, a white paper belt and pipe-cleaner arms.

Croats, Serbs and Slovenes have their Yule logs. Bundle a few twigs together, tie with a red ribbon and set a small elf

atop them. Norwegian children place fish on their trees. Colourful fish can be cut from gold and silver paper. Swedes like flags. Copy your paper flags and place them in garland form.

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MINORITIES ILL-TREATED IN

Rokossovsky Honoured

London, Dec. 21. Radio Moscow today announced the award of the order of Lenin to "Marshal of the Soviet Union" Konstantin Rokossovsky, recently ousted as Polish Minister of Defence.

The award, the broadcast heard here said, was made in a decree by the President of the USSR Supreme Soviet on the occasion of his 60th birthday "and in recognition of his services to the Soviet Army and the Soviet State."—United Press.

EGYPT United States Charges In United Nations

United Nations, Dec. 21. The United States has told the Egyptian Government that it was disturbed over reports of ill-treatment of Britons, Frenchmen and Jews in Egypt, the American delegate, Mr. James Wadsworth, told the United Nations General Assembly today.

Wadsworth said the American Ambassador, Mr. Raymond Hare, told the Egyptian authorities that the United States was concerned over reported pressure and intimidation and in some cases expulsion orders against these persons. He said the United States recognized the right of all governments to protect their national security, but was disturbed over any unjustified pressure against minorities.

Repression

The Soviet delegate, Vassili Kuznetsov, charged that Britain and France had raised the question of treatment of their nationals "solely in order to camouflage the fact that the allied forces had not yet left Egyptian territory."

The three nations claim to invoke the rights of man while they attack a defenceless country and repress the fundamental rights of Egyptians and Algerians, he said.

Kuznetsov demanded that Britain and France "end their activities in Egypt, immediately withdraw their troops and pay damages to Egypt for this aggression."

Israeli delegate, Abba Eban accused Egypt of persecuting the old Jewish community of Egypt. He said that several thousand Jews of foreign nationality and almost all the leaders of the Egyptian Jewish community had been interned. The number of Jews detained as "hostages" was not known, Eban said.

The Lebanese delegate, Karim Azkoul, said that Egypt would put an end to measures taken to protect itself when its security ceased to be threatened. He called on Britain and France to carry out the United Nations resolutions on the withdrawal of their troops from Egypt in good faith.

Genocide

The Jordan delegate accused Israel of practising "genocide" against the Arab population in the Gaza strip.

The Syrian representative, Farid Zelneddin, said he might ask the United Nations to investigate the "collusion" among Britain, France and Israel in the "aggression" against Egypt.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He signed cheques for more than \$15,000 today without looking at them — and now he's beefing because the price of candy bars went up!"

Cake And Doves For Chou

Karachi, Dec. 21. Karachi citizens today presented the visiting Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, with a big cake and had 50 white doves released as a symbol of peace, when he was cutting the cake.

This ceremony took place at the civic reception in Karachi, at which the Chinese Premier made a violent attack against "colonialism." A quantity of balloons were released in the Frere Gardens, where the reception was held, on Chou's arrival.

The Gardens contain the statues of Britain's monarchs, Queen Victoria and King George V. Chou made his anti-colonialist speech only a few feet away from the two monuments.

Throughout the function, the Chinese flag was fluttering alone. No Pakistani flag was flying by its side.

After Chou's speech, delegates from the "Kashmir Peace Committee" presented him with a memorandum, and asked him to use his good offices to help settle the Kashmir dispute, outstanding between India and Pakistan.

Namesakes

Wellington, Dec. 21. Sir Edmund Hillary and the main body of the New Zealand Antarctic expedition under his command sailed from the southern port of Bluff today for Polar regions. They are travelling aboard the heavy ship Endeavour.—China Mail Special.

Rediffusion

11.30 a.m. London Play House—Fanny by Gailgill; 12 Noon, Time Time; 12.15 p.m. Christmas Calendar; 12.20, Three Men on a Mike; 1. Christmas Organists; 1.15, News, Weather Report and Special Announcements; 1.20, Music by Melacchino; 2, Saturday Requests—Presented by Betty; 3, Year by Year; 3.30, Butter in a Lordy Dish—By Agatha Christie; 4, Melody Magic; 4.20 approx. Foot-tan, contemporary—Kwang Wan Y. K.M.D.—Direct broadcast from Caroline Hill Stadium; 5.10, Melody Magic; 5.20, Christmas in the Morning; 5.30, Birthday Mail; 6.00, Unit Requests presented by Linda, Calling 22 Independent Platoon W.R.A.C.; 7, Time Signal, and the News; 7.00, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 7.10, Rediffusion's Jazz Club; 7.45, A Story for Christmas—The Golden Crucifix; 8, Dorothy Carless Show; 8.15, I Love A Mystery—A Star in the East; 8.30, Rediffusion's Voice of Sports—News and Views of the Colony's Sports and Sportmen; 9, Time Signal, News and Home News from Parade; 9.45, Harlem Nocturne; 10, The Christmas Story; 10.30, One Night Stand; 11, Carols for Christmas; 11.15, Rediffusion Dance Party; 12 midnight, "God save the Queen"; Close Down.

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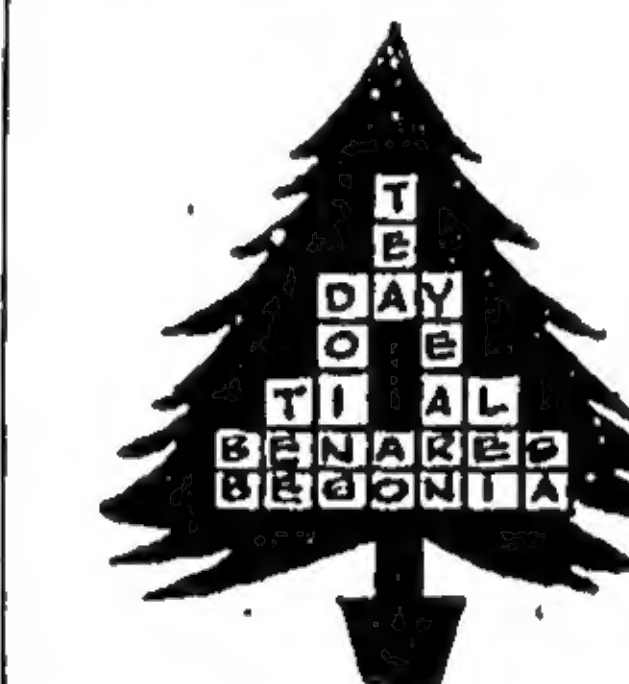
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